

Cat Chat

Harlow, Epping Forest & District

August/September 2017



Dear Supporters



The year is whizzing by and over half gone: the kitten season is well and truly on us!

Taking things day by day as I tend to works up to a point, but there comes a time when you do have to consider the longer term future, and I have reached the point where I have to get my head out the sand and look at preparing for retirement from work (paradoxically involving more time there), moving house, etc. I will therefore be stepping down as Branch Coordinator at the end of the year. Roger, our Treasurer, will be standing down for similar reasons.

What I do consists of various fairly discrete but inter-related administrative tasks, but also includes less well-defined things that relate to communication and that involve experience and/or familiarity with how CP works at Branch and national level. The transition will be less easy for the latter, but we certainly need people to take over some of the former.

If you are interested in finding out more without obligation about the ways you can help, please do get back to me.

*Sue Harris
Coordinator*

CONTACTING US BY POST

****** For now, please don't use our PO Box ******

We have been in dispute with Royal Mail, but we trust it will be resolved soon....! If you need to post items to us, until further notice please contact us for the appropriate street address to send to:

Email: catsharlow@dsl.pipex.com or

Text/call: 07715 452734 or

Call: 01279 503108

Keep an eye on www.cats.org.uk/harlow/contact-us for updates.

FOR YOUR DIARY

☛ Saturday, 11 November

Quiz Night, Canons Brook Golf Club



FUNDRAISING

Hi Everyone

Pawsome Afternoon Tea - 26 May

This was a fun event which raised a fantastic £700+ for our branch. Special thanks to Emily and Sue for taking part. I was unable to hold an event on the planned day, but decided to have a garden party for family and friends. Fortunately it was not too hot on the day and we all had such a wonderful time - I am actually thinking about doing something similar for next summer!



Beautiful Philice (Emily's cat) awaiting her guests

Harlow College Charity Car Park - We received an emergency call from the Community Association, who administer the Harlow College Saturday Charity Car Park, asking could Cats Protection step in at very short notice as there had been a cancellation for Saturday 8 July. Can I thank again Myra, Maureen, Helen, Soraya, Susan, Ruth and Sue for volunteering their services on one of the hottest days to collect monies from the shoppers. Note to self: Don't wear shorts next year or if needs must, put SPF50 behind knees - sore and red!

Asda Superstore Harlow have nominated our branch as one of their local charities for green token giving for the months of July, August and September, so if anyone is shopping in Harlow Asda, ask for tokens and place in to our box. The charity with the most tokens receive £500 and the runners-up £200.

Boot Sales - Susan Eggleton has told me that she will begin boot sales again shortly.

As most of you are aware her lovely boy, Bobby, sustained dreadful injuries recently (Kew vets think he was attacked by a dog), and had to have his hind leg amputated. I am glad to say Bobby is doing well and is managing ok with his three legs.

Date for your Diary - Due to popular demand, I have booked The Canons Brook Golf Club for another quiz evening on Saturday, 11 November. I shall let you have more details in due course.

Tesco Store Collection on Sunday 21 May - Sadly this event was cancelled due to lack of volunteers.

With all best wishes.

Jackie Horrigan
Fundraising Officer

PEPSI'S PROGRESS



Phew what a scorcher! What is a cat to do with herself in a heatwave? I asked my friend Alice if he had any ideas about how to get out of our fur coats to cool off, but he said that it never gets hot where he lives (I believe it is called 'up north') so I have had to make my own plans.

Now, this looks tempting! A giant paddling pool! No-one around (apart from a certain photographer sticking her camera out of an upstairs window!). Now, if I stand on my back legs and stretch my neck, I think I can just about manage a belly flop into that lovely cool water!

Tee hee. That fooled you. Of course I have absolutely no intention of getting wet. I am a CAT. A slightly curious cat, but not a crazy one. I know that anonymous photographer will be disappointed not to get the scoop of a lifetime, but I fully intend to stay on dry land.

Think I'll just go to sleep and dream of that time Barry threw me into a snowdrift. I can't believe I objected! Bliss.

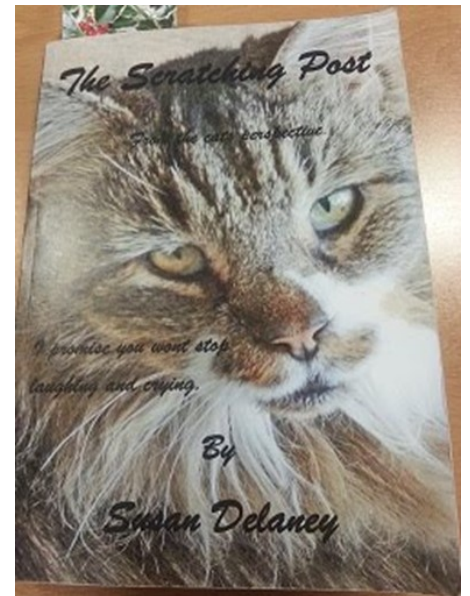
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BOOK REVIEW

The Scratching Post, by Susan Delaney.

Self-published. ISBN I9780993391705 (available from Amazon and Waterstones, and from The Scratching Post Cat Rescue charity, www.scratchingpost.co.uk/).

Susan set up The Scratching Post cat rescue in Waltham Abbey and this is the entertaining and moving account of how she did it. It's ancient history now, and we work well with them, but at one time relations with her local CP branch (not us) were a bit strained, so be prepared when you read it!



PETS AT HOME



We are very grateful to Pets at Home for a generous credit of £468 "Lifelines" to be used at their stores. If you shop at Pets at Home and are a member of their VIP Club, which gives you various offers and discounts, do consider nominating Cats Protection Harlow, Epping Forest & District Branch as the charity to benefit. If you choose Bishop's Stortford or Harlow as your home store, our Branch will come up as one of the partnered charities.

Sue Harris

SOME CATS WE HAVE CARED FOR.....

LAYLA AND KITTENS - fostered by Carolyn and Peter

Layla came to us with her five tiny kittens in a poor way via someone who had rescued them from a home where drug addiction was a problem. She was very thin and had various digestive problems and very sadly one of the kittens didn't make it, despite heroic efforts by our vets. Layla is recovered and she and the four kittens have now found homes, the kittens (Socks, Willow, Ella and Luna) as two pairs.



*Smudge (above)
Poppy (right)*



POPPY AND SMUDGE - fostered by Lissa and Peter

These two were victims of an eviction and, again, had not been well cared for. They started off at Lissa's together but as their health improved they didn't hit it off so well, so Poppy went to Peter's. Poppy has now found a home. Smudge had a respiratory infection, now better, and proved to have a common heart condition, which is now well-controlled by medication, and is now looking for her new home.

UPDATE ON TILLY - fostered by Peter

It took a while and lots of effort on the publicity front (see for example <http://www.essexlive.news/cats-protection-harlow-appeal-to-find-a-home-for/story-30385000-detail/story.html>) but partially-sighted Tilly has left her temporary lodgings at Peter's and found a fabulous new home where she will be able safely to enjoy her freedom in an enclosed garden.



SOME CATS WE HAVE CARED FOR..... (Cont'd)

ARCHIE - fostered by Carole

We have persuaded Carole, Persian expert, out of retirement to rehabilitate Archie (our "Persian Persian"). Archie flew with his owners to Gatwick from Iran but was impounded on landing as he did not have the correct health documentation. He went into quarantine in our area and we were contacted by the authorities when his "owners" refused to pay the bill. Having been cooped up for 6 months Archie did need quite a lot of TLC as well as minor veterinary attention, but he is a lovely cat and we are sure he will find a home quickly once he is ready. The photo is definitely "before" - he looks better now.



BOB MARLEY - fostered by Peter

Bob Marley is the unclaimed victim of a road accident and had a smashed pelvis, which has been pinned in a couple of operations at Bishop's Stortford Vet Hospital. His slow but sure recovery entails cage rest then confinement to a room. We hope he won't require any more surgery. He is a laid-back cat who will be looking for a home when he is fully recovered.

Sue Harris

KITTY KOOKERY KORNER



Jackie has included pictures of her fantastically successful Paw-Some Tea table on page 2. At an altogether lower-class event at my office - where the guys and gals will consume pretty much anything as long as it's got enough sugar, fat and calories - I served this novelty delicacy, Litter Tray Cake. My colleagues ate it all.....bless 'em, and gave to charity for the privilege.

<http://allrecipes.co.uk/recipe/14417/litter-box-cake.aspx> or contact me for the recipe.

Ideal for Hallowe'en!

Sue Harris

NOTICEBOARD

Deadline for the next issue is 10 September. Articles etc by post or e-mail to Denise Williams (see below).

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If you have any unwanted gifts, collectibles, jewellery, toys, scarves, shawls, bags, cat goods, china/glassware that we can offer for sale, please contact Jackie Horrigan on 07914 819474.

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