

the Pavement

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The homeless paper (London edition)

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Rough sleepers forced to move on then threatened with Asbos

Confusion and silence over why homeless group was evicted

The move-on of rough sleepers from the steps of Marylebone Church is only a single example of a squeeze on our readers that is affecting the whole of London.

As revealed in last month's issue, a number of rough sleepers were moved on from The Parish Church of St Marylebone, apparently following complaints about a minority of drinkers. But, far from being a localised incident, the move-on is now revealed as part of Westminster's new shift towards Building Based provision for the

homeless, and an attempt to dislodge rough sleepers regardless of the end result.

One of those moved on, Steve, said that the move-on, while accomplished with the help of outreach workers, resulted in him being forced into another borough.

He told *The Pavement*: 'There had been months of talk about "You're going to be moved on" with the final notice given in December, to move in January. Steve, who does not sign on and does not want to go into a hostel, found himself with no alternative but to move to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, where he has since been threatened with an Asbo by

a joint Outreach/Police team.

'They had been saying it [the suggestion of an Asbo] for a while, but this was the first time it was said as a direct threat.'

The Marylebone move-on highlights the deficiencies within Westminster's new strategy of clearing the streets of rough sleepers and failing to provide alternative options for those who don't want hostel accommodation – a policy that few wish to claim as their own.

'At the time of the move on,' Steve said, 'the church was maintaining that it was as a result of pressure from the council that we were being asked to move on, while the council was claiming that it was

the church that requested the move.'

Mike Nicholas, communications officer at Thames Reach Bondway (TRB), said: 'Marylebone Parish Church [had] expressed concern at the level of rough sleeping in the area and by some of the behaviour in the grounds of the church,' and that, contrary to what we had reported, 'the primary reason for the joint initiative was not instigated by a small group of street drinkers but by the numbers of people sleeping rough in the grounds of the church'.

As mooted in the pages of this paper, the danger is if Westminster acts, others follow, as one London council (*cont. back page*)

News

Rough sleepers play for England as Homeless World Cup kicks off



Edinburgh hosts the 2005 homeless football tournament

When you think of the World Cup, you could be forgiven for thinking of stars such as David Beckham or Wayne Rooney, but this year a different type of international football event is being held in Scotland.

From July 20 to 24, the Princes Street Gardens in Edinburgh will host players competing for victory in the Homeless World Cup. The 32 international teams taking part include England, Scotland and Spain, as well as countries from further afield such as Ghana, Cameroon and Slovakia.

The first Homeless World Cup was held in Austria in 2003 and

the event was then repeated in Sweden in 2004 where it featured 26 teams and 204 players, including three women. It is a highly competitive event, which provides a unique opportunity for homeless sportsmen and women and those living in poverty.

The benefits of the previous Homeless World Cups cannot be denied. A survey conducted four months after the 2003 competition showed that over a third of participants had found regular employment and almost half had improved their housing situation. Over 90% said they had a new motivation for life after the experiences they shared, and 72% continued to play football afterwards.

It is these results that, according to the organiser, Mel Young, make the competition worthwhile.

‘There are two major changes that take place during the World Cup,’ he said. ‘Not only does it give the players an opportunity to move away from homelessness, it also alters the perceptions and stereotypes associated with the homeless community as a whole.’

This year, the England ‘Big Issue in the North’ team is made up of players from across the country, who fought off tough competition from 100 hopefuls for a chance to represent their country. The squad is currently being trained by coaches from Manchester United’s Football in the Community programme.

In the past, players for the England team in the Homeless World Cup have been signed by professional or semi-professional teams to play and earn a regular living,

while others have gone on to achieve football-coaching qualifications.

Craig Phillips, England Vice-Captain for the 2005 team, said: ‘I’m proud I’ve been selected to represent England, but it’s still hard to believe. I’m really looking forward to representing my country. This time next year I’d like to be playing football for a team, have a job and a flat of my own.’

Plans are already under way for the Homeless World Cup 2006, which will be held in Cape Town, giving many more African countries the chance to take part.

For more information on applying for trials for the 2006 England team, visit your local Street League, homeless shelter or look out for advertisements and flyers at the start of 2006. ‘RN’

News



Celebrations after 10 years of street cafe

The Simon Community celebrated 10 years of its Street Cafe on June 27.

Between 5pm and 7pm, regulars, invitees, trustees, volunteers and workers came together to celebrate a decade of the service at the Church of Mary-le-Strand (on the Strand).

The Street Cafe, which doesn't usually have food, is a chance to

find a little peace in the day, have a cup of tea and read the paper. One user told The Pavement that it's 'a great place to take a break'.

Asked, at this anniversary, about its future in Westminster, Mark Palframan, Director of Services at the Simon Community, told us 'it's appreciated, and we'll keep going as long as people come'. 'Hack'

Doubts remain over building based services

Is the new homeless strategy 'good sense' or a half-measure?

On July 1, Westminster Council's controversial Building Based Service (BBS) model was implemented. Aimed at shifting provision for rough sleepers away from the street and into buildings, the new strategy will see many street outreach teams disbanded as building-based services extend their opening hours. Rough sleepers will be signposted to building based provision by Police and council staff, including City Guardians.

The model of BBS was developed in the Vantagepoint report commissioned in 2003, which recommended a shift to building-based provision and the introduction of a single pan-Westminster Rapid Intervention Team (RIT).

A signposting pilot was introduced this March and was attacked by some homeless charities, who fear that cutting back on outreach leaves some rough sleepers vulnerable.

A spokesperson for the council said the pilot 'reinforced [the belief] that it makes good sense to have joined up services where staff working on the street know



about local rough sleeper services and can pass on intelligence on the locations of vulnerable isolated rough sleepers,' although under the council's scheme the number of specifically homeless-trained staff on the streets has been massively reduced. As one reader told this paper, 'love or hate CAT workers, at least they were trained for what they did'.

A spokesman for The Passage day centre in Victoria, one of the homeless charities working with Westminster to implement the

shift to BBS, and funded by the council, said the shift will have a positive impact on homeless provision. 'The agencies are committed to working positively in partnership with Westminster Council, the police and other agencies to ensure that numbers of rough sleepers continue to fall and that rough sleepers are linked into services more effectively,' he said.

But recent reports from rough sleepers themselves suggest that the move towards building-based provision is isolating some rough

sleepers and driving others into neighbouring boroughs, with the BBS model being far from adequate for catering for the diverse needs of all Westminster's rough sleepers.

As other parts of the country, most recently Manchester, take a tougher line on the provision of street-based action for homeless, this strategy raises questions about the rationale behind BBS and whether it is really in our readers' best interest. 'Hector'

News and street life



New art workshop opens for homeless

Art initiative opens to rough sleepers

A new organisation has launched in London to join the likes of SMart and Crisis Skylight. Capital A is made up of four volunteer workers and is developing a programme of art workshops in London's public museums and galleries. Their aim is to make the galleries more accessible to everyone in London.

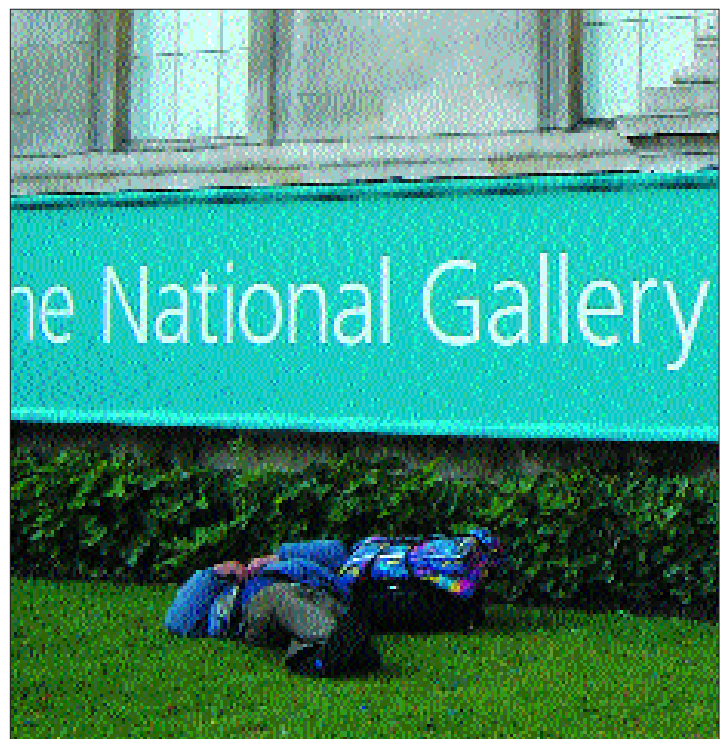
The programme offers tours, as well as practical art workshops, throughout the year at museums and galleries (plus one woodworking workshop) led by tutors, curators and artists who are experts in their fields. Jennifer Burnham from Capital A told The Pavement that they have

'top quality workshops open to everyone, beginners and experts, newcomers and old-timers alike – no experience is necessary and all materials are provided'. The workshops are free, including materials, refreshments and lunch during all-day sessions, but you will have to arrange your own transport.

Workshops will take place at the Imperial War Museum, Tate Britain, the National Gallery (pictured above), Tate Modern, the National Portrait Gallery, Victoria & Albert Museum, Royal Academy, Wallace Collection, Serpentine Gallery.

'Hack'

To book your place, email CapitalArts@aol.com or call Jennifer Burnham on 07985 411 458



Shiny future for new shoe business

Homeless get a foot in the door of the City

Are you looking for work? A new enterprise has started up called StreetShine that aims to give people 'who have experienced homelessness, suffered disadvantage in the job market and are in the process of rebuilding their lives' the chance to earn a regular

income by offering a shoeshine service to office workers in and around the City of London.

Started by property entrepreneur Nick Grant, StreetShine runs under the auspices of Thames Reach Bondway, a London-based homelessness charity. All profits from the venture get ploughed back into the company to invest in the training for more 'shiners'.

StreetShine offers at-your-desk

shoe cleaning 'on the foot', so that young executives can continue to work while their shoes are buffed.

Presently StreetShine operates in several major international firms in London and has permanent stands in several hotels in the capital. It is planning to expand to offices across the City.

To become a 'shiner', readers need to be referred by participating organisations, after which

they will receive training in the trade and a possible future owning their own franchise.

A worthy cause, though this correspondent can't help noting some negative connotations attached to shoe shining. What's next, homeless chimneysweeps?

● What do you think? Write in and tell us.

(Visit the www.streetshine.com for more information.)

Letters to the editor

☆ Star letter, wins a T-shirt

Dear Editor,

I was very interested to read your piece (*Rough sleepers moved on*, issue 2), regarding the church in Marylebone, as I was one of the people who slept there.

Of particular interest was the reason given for moving people on – complaints about drinkers. This reason disturbs me as at no time was it given to anyone who was staying at the church. At the time, the church was maintaining that it was as a result of pressure from the council that we were being asked to move on, while the council was claiming

that it was the church that requested the move. But no side mentioned drinking.

Out of the eight people who slept there regularly, only two were drinkers, one of whom would drink one can before bedding down, and not every night, while the other would do his drinking in Regents Park and come back to the church to sleep.

I and some of the others never drank at the church at all. On occasions during the summer there would be a gathering of local youths in the gardens attached to the church and sometimes they would drink. But this

should not have been attributed to the people sleeping at the front.

I was sleeping at the Church for about 20 months and not once was any member of the public physically or verbally abused, nor were any of the people sleeping there begging or in any way pestering members of the public. The Homeless Persons Unit [of the Metropolitan police] visited every few weeks and never had any cause for concern with anyone at the Church.

Of the eight of us who were regular sleepers at the Church only three are currently in accommodation: two in a hostel and one in a rolling shelter where he has been since last October/November. The rest of us are still on the street as we are not interested in hostel accommodation.

Steve, full name supplied

For more on this, see our cover-story

Editor,

Why not ask people who have been homeless rather than journalists to submit stories as they are often distorted, because they have not lived the experience?

I have been conducting and training other homeless and for-

mer homeless people in peer research. I may add that I was street homeless myself for more years than I wish to count. It's a democratic thing.

Tony Dodson, via e-mail

Tony,

We don't use our readers to write stories for several reasons; the two main ones are:

1 We use professional journalists because they have legal training that prevents this paper getting into hot water when covering stories that are contentious.

2 We don't pay any of our staff and often our writers incur expenses costs in the pursuit of a story, which we cannot reimburse.

We believe our method works, but we welcome comment, and would like to see more stories brought our way by readers. If you find a story that needs telling, let us know and we'll be glad to follow it up with your help.

If you have a comment on anything from this issue, or you wish The Pavement to feature a particular story, please get in touch. Printed letters win a T-shirt.

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PLEASE WELCOME SID, WHO HAS KINDLY VOLUNTEERED TO TALK TO US ON THE SUBJECT OF HOMELESSNESS

Legal affairs

When it comes to the ground beneath

The Pavement's legal expert explains the law of the street

Ever thought of what the consequences would be if someone told you that you were not entitled to walk down certain streets in London? Odd, wouldn't you think? However, it is not as far fetched as it may seem, as the laws relating to right to roam apply in cities as they do in the countryside.

Here are a few key facts on the laws governing where you can, and cannot, walk in the UK:

First, people sometimes ask about the use of metal studs (usually brass or stainless steel) on pavements marking out an area. That is precisely what they are; boundary markers. They usually demarcate an area defined by the deeds of a building that has been rebuilt in its past within its previous boundaries, and a plaque is usually nearby explaining the ownership of the area. Sometimes they are used to mark areas of business, say for a street cafe or public house with outside seating, but the same law always applies as if you were anywhere else in public.

A highway has a distinct meaning in English law. It is a way over which the public has 'the right to pass and repass as of right'. The term highway embraces footpaths, bridleways and driftways.

Confused yet? Well try to remember the following when crossing the many alleys, avenues, closes, corridors, gaps, lanes, parks, passages, pathways, roads, thoroughfares, tunnels and ways of London: a right of way is a path that anyone has the legal right to use on foot, and sometimes using transport. However, public footpaths are only open to walkers;



your feet, do you know your rights?



public bridleways are open to walkers, horse-riders and pedal cyclists; and byways open to all traffic are open to all classes of traffic, including motor vehicles.

Legally, a public right of way is part of the 'Queen's highway' and

therefore subject to the same protection in law as all other highways. For example: you may stop on it to rest or admire the view, or to consume refreshments, providing you stay on the path and do not cause an obstruction; or, you

can also take with you a 'natural accompaniment', which includes prams, pushchairs, bathchairs and dogs.

So, how can you tell whether a path is a public right of way or not? The surest method is the use

of a 'definitive map' of public rights of way. These maps are available for public inspection at the offices of local highway authority, some libraries and for sale from some councils.

Just remember that not all footpaths are rights of way. There are many paths that the public is able to use, but that are not legally rights of way and do not enjoy the same protection. Paths crossing public parks and open spaces, commons and other sites to which the public has formal or *de facto* access may not necessarily be rights of way, though some of them are.

Other paths, known as 'permissive routes', are open to the public because the owner has given permission for them to be used. Often there is a notice on the path making clear the owner has no intention of dedicating the path as a right of way, and reserving the right to withdraw the permission (look out for these next to street signs, particularly in historic passages and alleyways). These paths are sometimes closed for one day a year, with a view to preventing claims that they are rights of way. Towpaths, paths across land owned by organisations such as the Forestry Commission and National Trust, which has a policy of providing access, and off-road multi-user routes such as those created as part of the Sustrans National Cycle Network, are available for public use, but may not be rights of way.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 will, when it is fully implemented, provide a new form of legal protection for the public access to open countryside and common land in addition to the existing provisions for rights of way.

'The Humanitarian'

Health

Dear Flo...

The Pavement's resident nurse answers your health queries

It's summer, and many readers will have experienced sunburn and heat stroke. Here are the basic tips to avoid both:

- 1 Stay in the shade – don't lie in the sun for too long or fall asleep under its rays.
- 2 Use sun cream – obvious, but you'd be surprised how many people don't.
- 3 Drink plenty of water – remember, alcohol is dehydrating so sunbathing and drinking do not mix.
- 4 Look out for friends if they're drinkers – don't let them crash in the sunshine – it is dangerous.

If you have spent too long in the sun you may experience headaches, nausea and fatigue. In this case, taking aspirin should help, but also take plenty of fluids. Sunstroke is more severe, with symptoms including hot, dry skin and a rapid pulse and loss of

breath – you may need to seek medical attention if finding shade and rehydrating do not help.

Dear Flo,

Why do I need a tetanus shot? I cut my hand – a tiny cut – and now I am being told I need an injection. Pete, Waterloo

Pete,

If you cut yourself and present at A&E or your doctor's surgery, you will always be asked if you've had a tetanus jab in the past 10 years. It's standard.

Tetanus is a bacterial disease that can infect through wounds; even small cuts. Tetanus lives in soil and faeces, and if it gets into a wound it multiplies quickly and moves along the nervous system. It can cause muscle spasms and in some cases is fatal. Reason enough to clean and cover wounds. Most importantly, make sure you've had your tetanus jabs. If you are in doubt about your tetanus jabs, see your nurse or doctor.

Good health, 'Flo'

Foot care

The history of corns in two parts – part one

Corns and calluses have been reported since the beginning of history. Hippocrates (an ancient Greek fellow) had a sound approach to corns and recognised the necessity of physically reducing the hard skin, followed by removal of the cause. He even invented skin scrapers for this purpose.

On through the ages and Celsus, a Roman scientist and philosopher, was probably responsible for giving corns their name.

The largest corn ever reported was in 1677; a wheelwright by the name of Sarney had one two inches long.

To date, no one has really been able to explain why some people develop corns and others do not. We know, however, corns do not have roots, and this accounts for why there is nothing in a bottle or tube able to get rid of them.

Basically, the cells of the outer

layers of skin increase their production when stimulated by external friction (heat) to the skin surface. This usually occurs by shearing stress and the culprit is often a pair of ill-fitting shoes.

Research indicates people have varying amounts of an enzyme within their blood supply that bio-chemically controls skin cell production. When the skin is damaged, some people produce more skin cells than others.

Occasionally hormonal imbalance due to menopausal changes can result in the formation of thick horny skin cells or ichthyosis (fish scales). These changes are sudden and occur overnight. Hard skin can be found on weight-bearing areas including the heel, ball of the foot and tops of the toes. 'Soft corns' usually appear in between the toes. 'Hard' and soft corns really describe the same concentration of skin with 'soft corns' being saturated in sweat.

'Toe Slayer'

Registered podiatrist and shoe historian

The opinion Pole

In recognition of the number of rough sleepers in London from Eastern Europe, we have some information in Polish and English about the services available to help you get on your feet and find a job

Polskie Strony

Mimo że minal już ponad rok od wejścia Polski do Unii Europejskiej, nadal wielu Polaków przyjeżdża do Wielkiej Brytanii. Często zdarza się że mają oni trudności ze znalezieniem pracy.

Jezeli dopiero przyjechales do Londynu i

zaczynasz poszukiwanie pracy, musisz pamietac o kilku rzeczach.

1 Aby dostac prace bedzie ci potrzebny number ubezpieczenia-National Insurance Number. Informacje o otrzymaniu numeru ubezpieczenia mozna uzyskac w biurach posrednictwa pracy Job Centre.

2 W Job Centre rowniez mozna rozpoczac poszukiwanie pracy. Oddzialy biura mozna znalezc we wszystkich dzielnicach Londynu. Adres najblizszego biura moziesz znalezc na stronie www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Ogloszenia o pracy sa rowniez drukowane w darmowym tygodniku TNT, darmowej gazecie Metro.

3 Po znalezieniu pracy bedziesz musial sie zarejestrowac w brytyjskim ministerstwie spraw wewnetrznych (Home Office). Formularz rejestracyjny mozna wydrukowac z internetu (workingintheuk.gov.uk). Formularz ten jest bezplatny i dopero po jego wypelnieniu bedziesz musial wyslac czek na 50 funtow do Home Office.

4 W poblizu dworca Victoria znajdziesz dwie organizacje ktore staraja sie pomoc bezdomnym

Polakom, The Passage Day Centre oraz oddzial Salvation Army. W obu osrodkach mozna spotkac polskich wolontariuszy.

Jezeli zdecydowales sie na powrot do Polski ale nie masz pieniedzy na bilet, mozesz liczyc na pomoc gminy Westminster. W The Passage Day Centre mozesz sie dowiedziec jakie sa warunki otrzymania takiego biletu.

Info for all new arrivals

East European readers: To find employment you will need a National Insurance Number. You can find information on how to get one at any Job Cen-

tre.

The Job Centre is also an excellent place to start your job search. Job Centres are to be found in all London boroughs and you can find the address of the nearest one at www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk. Job ads can also be found in the free weekly magazine TNT, the free daily Metro and the Evening Standard.

After finding employment you will have to register with the British Home Office. The registration form can be found at www.workingintheuk.gov. The form is free but there is a £50 registration fee. 'Natalia'

Editorial

More pages and contributors

First things first: Thank you to the many readers who have written in, both by post and email. As we said in our first issue, feedback is vital to steer The Pavement to report what's important to its readers and keep us up to date with the news from the streets. Our lead story this issue was driven by one reader's response to issue 2 – for details see our Star Letter.

There is plenty of news in this issue, with the introduction of Building Based Services in Westminster being amongst the most important. Other boroughs will be watching closely to see how it works with a view to replicating the policy.

Our usual contributors have written their pieces, but they have been joined by our podiatrist, Toe Slayer, with a new regular column to compliment Flo's health advice, and an experimental East European column that we hope will be of use to our A8 readers. And, of course, we have the usual high-quality car-

toons drawn for us by some of the finest in the business.

What's new at The Pavement? Well, by the time you read this we should have our charity number (assigned by the Charity Commission) which means that it's easy for us to persuade people to fund us and work for us, and we've expanded to this 12-pages, which, apart from giving our Production Editor a headache, has given us the space we needed to fit in more articles and features.

Never idle, we have plans to revamp our design for next issue, which should see the paper adopt a more cutting edge style. The website, after a couple of months of sorry neglect, has also been updated. Please go along and see for yourself – after all, it's your space – www.thepavement.org.uk

Editor

For our mail address, see the letters page

Homeless hobbies No 3: Big screens

If you don't like being cooped up indoors to watch TV, get outside and watch on one of the big screens that have been erected around the capital to broadcast major sporting and cultural events.

Permanent screens for sport and arts have been put up in the main squares of Liverpool, Manchester, Hull, and Birmingham, and in London they appear on and off, usually in Leicester and Trafalgar Squares. If you didn't catch Wimbledon or the Olympic decision on the big screen, they'll be back soon with a varied mix of golf, cricket and opera over the summer.

A must-see has got to be the first night of the Proms in Trafalgar Square on July 15, but the highlight for many is Cricket-in-the-Park – big screens in Regents Park will show the Lord's Ashes Test Match on July 22 and 23.

'Anorak'



'AH, THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF MY THIEVING, GREEDY, AVARICIOUS ANCESTORS GO I'

Services available to the homeless

There've been some changes from last issue; notably the move to Building Based Services for the Passage and St Martin's Social Care Unit. Also, we are pleased to welcome Rochester Row and The Passage as stockists. The Pavement keeps turning up all over London, and far beyond, as people take copies to places that don't stock us – Keep spreading the news. Below you will find a key to the services available at each centre

Alcohol workers – A	Clothing – CL	Housing advice – H	Outreach workers – OB
Art classes – AC	Drugs workers – D	Internet access – IT	Outreach workers links – OL
Benefits advice – B	Dentist – DT	Laundry – L	Pavement stockists – P
Barber – BA	Education/training – ET	Luggage stowage – LS	Sexual health advice – SH
Bathroom/showers – BS	Food – F	Music classes – MC	Safe keeping – SK
Counselling – C	Free food – FF	Mental health workers – MH	SSAFA – SS
Careers advice – CA	Foot care – FC	Medical services – MS	Tenancy support – TS

DAY CENTRES

Ace of Clubs, St Alphonsus Rd, Clapham, 020 7622 3196. Opening times: Sun, Mon, Tues 2pm-6pm; Wed, Thur 12 noon-2pm; Fri, Sat 12 noon-6pm Services (16+): BS, DT, F, FC, H, IT, L, MS, OB

Acton Homeless Concern Emmaus House, 1 Berrymead Gardens, Acton, 020 8992 5768 Services: A, B, BA, CL, D, DT, ET, F, FC

Aldgate Advice Centre/Dellow Centre Aldgate High Street, 020 7283 1950. Opening times: Mon-Fri 9.15am-11.30am for Rough Sleepers 1.30pm-3.30pm for appointments and activities Fri 3pm-4pm for Rough Sleepers Services: A, B, BS, CL, D, ET, F, H, L, MH, MS, P

Broadway Day Centre Market Lane, Shepherds Bush, 020 8735 5810. Mon-Fri 9.30am-2.30pm 8.30am-4.30pm Breakfast for rough sleepers Services: CL, ET, F, FC, H, MS, P

Choral Hall Lifeskills Cent 310 Barking Road, Plaistow 020 7511 8377. Mon-Fri 10am-2pm. Services: A, B, BS, C, CL, D, F, FC, L, MS

Cricklewood Homeless Concern; 60 Ashford Road, 020 8208 1608.

Housing drop-in: Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-11am (for housing advice please be at front door at 9am for ticket. Day Services: Mon, Wed, Fri 10am-3.30pm (10am-12.30pm for advice 1pm-3.30pm basic services) AC, B, BS, H, IT, L, MS, OL

Crisis Skylight, 66 Commercial Street, 020 7426 5661. Mon-Thu 2pm-9.30pm: AC, ET, IT

Dellow Day Centre – see Aldgate Advice

Deptford Churches Centre Speedwell St, 020 8692 6548. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3.30 pm, BS, ET, F, H, L

Finsbury Park Street, Drinkers Initiative, 91 Tollington way, 020 7263 4140. Mon-Thurs 8.30am-3pm. A, BS, D, F, H, L, OL

Hanbury Community Project, Christchurch Hall, 22 Hanbury Street, 020 7377 2497. Mon-Fri 10.30am-3.30pm. A, C, D, ET, H, MH, MS

Holy Cross Centre, The Crypt, Holy Cross Church, Cromer Street, 020 7278 8687. Open access on Mon 2pm-5pm and Tues 6.30pm-9pm. FF, H, MH

London City Mission, Waterloo Christian Centre, 628 Webber Street, 020 7928 1677. Mon-Fri 9am-12noon. B, BA, BS, CL, FF, H

Manna Day Centre, 6 Melior Street, 020 7403 1931. Mon-Sun 9.30am-1.30pm. B, BS, CL, DT, FF, FC, H, MH, MS, P

North Lambeth Day Centre (St Mungo's). St John's Crypt, 73 Waterloo Road, 020 7261 9622. Opening times: Mon-Fri 9.30am-12pm open access; 12 noon-2.30pm, F, BS, ET, CL, B, H, AC, A, D, MH, MS, FC, P. (It will be closing temporarily only, later in the year for building work.)

North London Action for the Homeless, Church Hall, 24-30 Bouverie Road, 020 8802 1600. Tue 12pm-1.30pm. B, BS, CL, FF. (Sorry, no foot care services.)

Salvation Army, Rochester Row Day Centre, 97 Rochester Row, 020 7233 9862. Mon and Fri 5.30pm-8pm (appointments only) Tues 2pm-4.30pm (art workshop only) Wed and Thur 5.30pm-8pm (drop in session) Thur Fri 2pm-4pm (English classes) A, B, BS, CL, D, ET, FF, H, MS, P. (Polish speakers available.)

Spectrum Centre, 6 Greenland Street, 020 7267 4937. Mon 10am-12pm, advice; 2pm-4pm drop-in; Tues 10am-12pm advice; 2pm-4pm women; Wed 2pm-4pm advice; Thurs 10am-2pm advice; Fri 10am-2pm advice,

2pm-4pm advice. A, BS, C, CL, D, FC, H, L, LS, MH, MS, TS

Spires Centre, 8 Tooting Bec Gardens, 020 8696 0943. Mon, Tues, Thurs, 10.30am-2pm; Wed, 10am-1pm; Fri 11am-2pm women only; Sun, 11.30am-3.30pm, A, B, CL, D, ET, F, FC, H, MS

St Christopher's Fellowship, Lime Grove Resource, Centre, 47 Lime Grove. Please call for opening times: 020 8740 9182 AC, BS, CA, ET, FC, IT, L, MS

St Cuthbert's Centre, The Philbeach Hall, 51 Philbeach Gardens, Earls Court, 020 7835 1389. Mon-Fri 11.30pm-3.45pm, AC, BS, C, CL, F, H, IT, L, OL, P

St Giles Trust, 64-68 Cam-

berwell Church St, 020 7703 7000. Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.30pm. A, B, BS, D, ET, H, L, MH, MS, P, TS (No longer a drop-in day centre – Turn up for an initial assessment with a worker if you are 'homeless or vulnerably housed, including sofa-surfers and people with tenancies but at risk of eviction'.)

St John's at Hackney, Community Space Centre, Lower Clapton Road, 020 8985 6707. Mon-Thurs 10am-12.30pm; 2pm-4.30pm; Wed 10am-12.30pm B, BS, CL, ET, F, H, IT, MS

St Mary's Church, St Mary's Community Centre, Ashley House, 020 7272 1783. Tues 11am-2pm, Wed 10.30am-2pm, Thurs 6pm-9pm, Sat 1.30pm-4pm (must be drug and alcohol free).



THIS IS ONLY FOR WEEKENDS – WE HAVE A CARDBOARD BOX IN TOWN FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK

Closed last Sat of every month. A, B, BS, C, CA, D, ET, FF, H, IT, L, MS

St Stephen's Church Manna, St Stephen's Church, River Place, 17 Canonbury Road, 020 7226 5369. Tue 7pm-9pm; Wed 1pm-3pm BS, CL, FC, FF, L

The Connection at St Martin's (Social Care Unit), 12 Adelaide Street, 020 7766 5544. Daily 9am-12.30pm with some afternoon sessions. On the weekends the service is mixed (16+) from 9am-1pm (no entry after 10.30). There are drop-in sessions on Tues and Thurs 4.30pm-7.30pm (26+), and sessions on Mon, Wed, and Fri 4.30pm-7.30pm, but these are strictly by appointment only. Social Care Unit to the left of the church's step (age 26+). A, AC, BS, CA, CL, D, ET, F, H, IT, MC, MH, MS, P, SK, SS

The Connection at St Martins at No 12 (age 16-25) A, AC, BS, CA, CL, D, ET, F, H, IT, L, MC, MH, MS, SK, SS, TS. (Building Based Services came into effect from June 1 so the old outreach services have ceased. As the name suggests, all services will be based in the building, and the extra evening sessions will be by appointment.

The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, 020 7828 4183. Mon-Fri 7am-11am for Rough Sleepers. Appointments only beyond this time. Services (25+): A, B, CA, CL, D, ET, F, FC, H, IT, L, MH, MS, P, TS. (Conducting Building Based Services in connection with the St Martin's Social Care Unit.)

Upper Room, St Saviour's Church, Cobbold Road, 020 8740 5688. Mon-Thur 5.30pm-6.45pm; Tue 9.30am-11.45am; Sat-Sun 12.30pm-1.30pm. A, BA, C, CA,

D, ET, FC, FF, H West London Day Centre, 134-136 Seymour Place, 020 7569 5900. Rough-

sleepers Mon-Fri 8.45am-10am; open access Mon-Fri 10am-12.30pm, AC, B, C, F, IT, L, LS, MS, OL, P, SK

West London Mission, New Lambeth Walk-in, 3-5 Lambeth Road, 020 7735 9012. Mon-Fri 1.30pm-4.30pm, B, ET, IT, TS

Whitechapel Mission, 212 Whitechapel Road, 020 7247 8280. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun 6am-11am (full cooked breakfast served) BS, CL, MS, OL

SOUP KITCHENS

American Church, 79 Tottenham Court Road, 020 7580 2791. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am-12pm. Serving hot meals, soup and bread, and/or sandwiches. (Note that no drinking is permitted on the premises, and inebriated guests will be asked to leave.)

Aslan, All Souls Church - Clubhouse, Langham Place, 020 7580 3522. Sat morning. Serving tea and sandwiches in the Clubhouse. (Clothing available.)

MEDICAL SERVICES

Great Chapel St Medical Centre, 13 Great Chapel Street, 020 7437 9360. Mon-Fri 2pm-4pm. Also Mon, Tues, Thurs 11am-12.30pm, A, B, C, D, DT, FC, MH, H, MS, SH

Dr Hickey's at Cardinal Hume Centre, Arneway Street, SW1, 020 7222 8593. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am-12.30pm & 2pm-4pm. Wed 10am-12.30pm only, A, B, C, D, DT, FC, MH, H, MS, SH. (Please arrive by 10am or 2.00pm to ensure you are seen.)

King's Cross Primary Care Centre, 264 Pentonville Rd. For opening times, call 020 7530 3444. BS, CL, DT, FC, MH, MS, SH

Soup runs

Despite scare stories that Councils are closing down soup runs, they continue to provide a service. However it is true that they are being discouraged from providing street food services. Most statutory bodies share a common view. It was clearly expressed by Oliver McGeachy, Rough Sleepers Co-ordinator for Southwark Council, who told The Pavement that although soup runs are "on the whole serving a need", the "excessive provision can, in fact, enable some individuals to remain of the streets and facilitate their unwillingness to engage with mainstream services". What do you think? Let us know...

All Soul's Local Action Network (Aslan), Tea Run Sat (05.30-0815): Covent Garden, Milford Lane, Surrey Street, Strand, Waterloo, The Passage

Hare Krishna Food for Life The Hare Krishna food run provides vegetarian meals from Monday to Saturday at the following times and places: Islip Road (Kentish Town) 12.30; Arlington Road (Camden) 13.30; York Way (King's Cross) 14.30; Lincoln's Inn Fields 19.15 (Mon, Wed, Thurs); then Temple (if there's any food left over)

House of Bread Sun 06.45 onwards Hot food and once a month a full cooked breakfast. Sun 06.45 onwards: The Strand (the run at the Charing Cross

end; opposite McDonald's) (Sometimes offers food, clothing and showers back at their church)

Sai Baba Provides several food services across London, both in buildings and on the street. The most popular of which is: Thurs 19.30: Lincoln's Inn Fields - curry

Simon Community Tea Runs, Sun and Mon (06.00-09.30): Hinde Street, Milford Lane, Strand, Exeter Street, Covent Garden, Army and Navy, Waterloo, Lincoln's Inn

Wednesday and Thursday (20.00-22.30): Milford Lane, Chaplin Walk, (Waterloo), Army and Navy (Victoria), Marylebone Church, Hinde St

Street Cafe, Mondays (4.30pm-7.30pm) and Wednesday (9.30am-1.30pm): St Mary-le-Strand Church on the Strand (Happy 10th birthday to this service from the Simon Community (see p3)

SW London Vineyard Sunday 14.30-16.30: underneath Waterloo Bridge (Embankment)

We'll start our feature on favourite providers next issue, so please send us your nominations for Soup Run of the Month.

Email us at editor@the pavement.org.uk or write to The Pavement, PO Box 43675, London, SE22 8YL

EX-FORCES

Those who have served in the armed forces have a few specialist services open to them. Soldiers Sailors and Airmen Families Association (SSAFA) has a homeless division operating in London, listed above as SS. Also the Ex-Service Fellowship Centre in Victoria offers an excellent service. They are at 8 Lower Grosvenor Place (between Victoria Station and

Buckingham Palace). Call 020 7828 2468

AWOL (even if you jumped ship during Suez)? Call the "reclaim your life" (SSAFA) scheme on 01380 738 137 (9am-10am Mon-Fri) for independent, confidential advice.

TELEPHONE SERVICES Shelter's housing information and advice line: 0808 800 44 44 (24 hours)

Missing



PATRICIA LASHLEY
Age at disappearance: 34
It has now been more than six years since Patricia, from Dudley in the West Midlands, went missing. Despite extensive enquiries, there has been no news of Patricia since September 1998.

Patricia is from a large family and they are understandably worried for her, as they do not know why she has not been in contact or where she may be. Her children miss her desperately and ask her to get in touch.

Patricia, who is now 39 years old, is 5ft 4ins tall, of slim build with mousey brown hair, and a pale complexion. She has a Newcastle accent and is a heavy smoker.

Although missing from the West Midlands, Patricia has connections in London, Newcastle and Wales. It is also thought that she may be using a different name, perhaps 'Jade' or 'Janessa'.

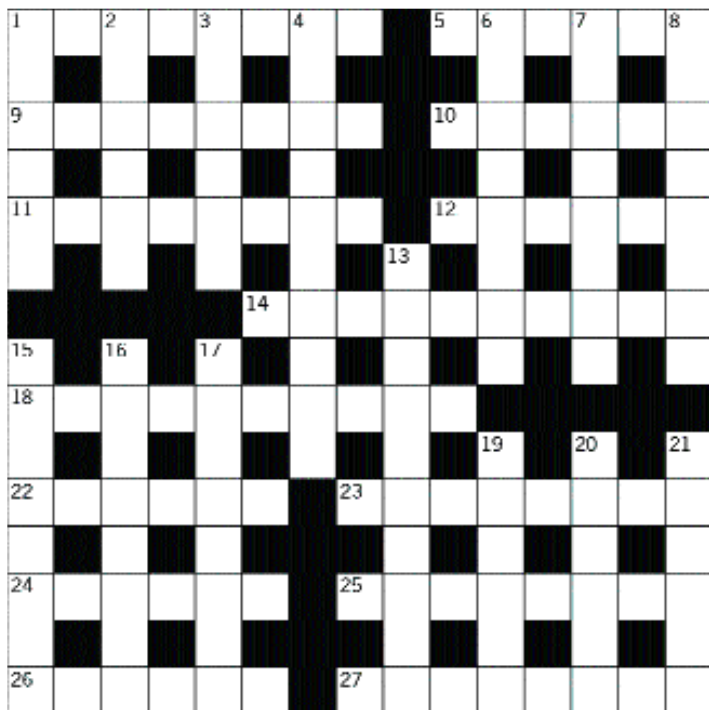
If you have seen Patricia or have any information that may help, please call the confidential National Missing Persons Helpline on Freefone 0500 700 700.

Saneline: 0845 767 8000 (12noon-11pm mon to Fri; 12noon-6pm weekends)

Message home helpline: 0800 700 740 (24-hours, seven days)

Alcoholics Anonymous: 0845 769 7555

Get Connected: 0808 808 4994. Free advice for young people, whatever the problem (1pm-7pm, seven days a week).



Across

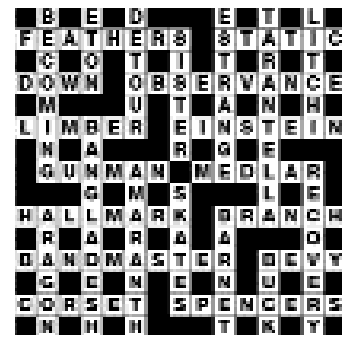
- 1** Hurry away after second snub (8)
- 5** Spoil test with rodent (6)
- 9** What one winds up with (4,4)
- 10** Woman will make termly adjustments (6)
- 11** Shed too much in cloudy conditions (8)
- 12** Tea ladies initially interrupted by exercises in place of worship (6)

- 14** Wholesome girl, you said, with vivacity – American? (10)
- 18** Snail, with flower circle, quietly accepted by deity (10)
- 22** River hugs in force (6)
- 23** Learned a lot of rubbish about time (8)
- 24** Time-honoured substitute for gaoled (3-3)
- 25** Musical composition by fat Asian (8)

- 26** Irsome knotting around river (6)
- 27** A chancy entertainer (8)

Down

- 1** Carrying voice of a writer (6)
- 2** Replaced result in topcoast (6)
- 3** Coming from such a wicked place north of the border (6)
- 4** Herald gives warning of follower (10)
- 6** Unspecified – a city west of this place (8)
- 7** Homer with apt effect in figure of speech (8)
- 8** Barren girl taken out of dance (8)
- 13** DIY learner in car committed the deed (10)
- 15** Vegetable as Easter offering? It's a frame-up (8)
- 16** An afterthought: change last noisy old instrument (8)
- 17** Drug may cause stumbling in camels (8)
- 19** Number Ten about to be occupied by Whitehead, the scientist? (6)
- 20** Dutchman's to order a cab (6)
- 21** Employ alien in the fall (6)



Solutions to last month's crossword are printed above. Many thanks to the Guardian for allowing us to borrow its puzzle setters

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(cont from front page) official told this paper: 'Westminster tends to be a trendsetter.' Similarly, those who traditionally offer support to the homeless – often churches – find themselves under pressure to conform.

The gulf between the attitude of The Parish Church of St Marylebone and that of Hinde Street Methodist Church, a quarter of a mile away, is a good example of this.

Hinde Street, the base of West London Mission, which works closely with the church, has resisted attempts to move on the rough sleepers, who have some drinkers among their number, who sleep around the church.

Paul Thompson, Director of Social Work at West London Mission, told The Pavement: 'The police are now making active moves to clear our steps,

and move people on, which is something we are not happy with, as we are keen to stand alongside homeless people and work positively with them.'

Thompson pointed out that although they are not a haven for street drinkers, and do not wish to encourage such behaviour, the ministers of the church, such as Father Leao Neto, see part of their job as providing a sanctuary.

We received no response from Marylebone Church, despite many emails and telephone calls.

'Cobbett'

Are you under orders to move from a regular sleeping spot? Let us know at The Pavement so that move-ons such as Surrey Street (the Strand) and Marylebone don't go unreported.



CAN YOU HANG ON MORIARTY, THESE WATERFALLS REALLY AFFECT MY BLADDER