

the Pavement

Issue 4

The Paper for The Homeless (London Edition)

Free

He shall not, he shall not be moved!

Earlier this month the Government brought in controversial new legislation to curb protests in Parliament Square. Under the new measures, anyone wishing to organise a rally in and around the square has to apply for special permission.

However, it turns out that the law will not affect Brian Haw, the anti-war demonstrator who has lived for over 1500 days and nights on the pavement opposite the Houses of Parliament. Since 2001, Mr Haw has campaigned for peace by holding a vigil in Parliament Square for the people killed in Iraq.

The law was specifically brought in to give police a reason to evict Mr Haw, whose presence is an embarrassment to the Government. However because of a legal loophole, which states that the new law only applies to protests which began after August 1st 2005, Mr Haw will be able to continue his protest indefinitely.



The Pavement went along to Parliament Square to ask Mr Haw about life on the streets and his thoughts on homelessness.

"I had a home and a wife," he

says. "She was the best woman in the world. I had seven children who I'd die for 24 hours of every day. I'm here for them and for the people of Fallujah, in Iraq, where 90,000

homes were obliterated by the US and UK."

Mr Haw is also deeply concerned about the housing crisis in the UK.

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Italia: Vini Vidi Vici – but Homeless World Cup is soured by immigration wrangling

The Homeless World Cup reached its climax on 24th July with a breathtaking closing ceremony. The final in Scotland saw Italy retain the title, beating Poland by two goals to three; but the event, which has been hailed by many as "a resounding success", was not all as rosy as it appeared.

The opening ceremony had been marred by a Home Office move to ban five teams from

competing on the grounds that they did not have enough money to support themselves while in Scotland.

Players from Burundi, Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria and Zambia were refused visas to enter the country due to "insufficient funds". This despite the fact that all accommodation and meals were provided for the players.

For Mel Young, the organiser of the Homeless World Cup, the

idea of banning players from the Homeless World Cup for being too poor "raises some serious questions".

Despite this, the Homeless World Cup prompted more than 600,000 Euros in funding for its next three years and has been an undeniable success. An estimated 64 countries will be taking part by 2008. Hopefully they'll have enough cash...

'RN'



"Wow... You guys are so right for each other..."

News

...Shall not be moved...cont.



"There are so many homeless on our streets. An old lady of 70 sleeping on a bench last winter was struck on the head by a lump of concrete by some scumbag. Why was she homeless? Where were the police? I'll tell you the state of the nation – it stinks."

Mr Haw's attentions focus on Iraq, but he believes the conflict will have a direct impact on the number of homeless people living on the streets of our capital. "Twenty-five per cent of our homeless are ex-servicemen," he says. "There will be a lot more after this conflict in Iraq."

He also sees a common solution to international conflict and domestic housing problems. "Building is the answer: build houses, build lives and build love in our hearts. I wish you sweet dreams, whether you sleep in the cold or warm. Keep hope. Stand up for love. Stand up for peace, for justice, for a decent life for all. Oh, and one more thing,"

he adds. "Does anyone want a house-swap? Unfortunately you have to be as crazy as me."

While Mr Haw's protest can continue, the Government's new legislation is already being used to curb other demonstrations in Parliament Square. Under the new act, anyone gathering to demonstrate within the designated area is committing a criminal offence unless they have been granted authorisation from the police. The laws are said to be part of the new anti-terror measures. On August 7th, six protesters were arrested outside parliament after hosting an unauthorised protest. It was the second time since the new legislation was passed that police had moved in on campaigners. "They are making serious criminals out of peaceful protesters," says Mr Haw.

"They meant to get rid of me as well, but they couldn't: I shot the sheriff."

'Hack'

Tories explore roots of homelessness

A recent 'Homelessness Summit' is leading policy makers to think again.

The Conservative Party have stated that they will target the causes of homelessness and perhaps end homogeneous services, after hearing that they were fuelled by "a surfeit of liberalism".

Caroline Spelman, Shadow Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities, spoke to *The Pavement* about the 'one size fits all' attitude to dealing with homelessness, at odds with the modern trends of most services, and how she intends to lobby for cross-party debate on the problem.

Mrs Spelman recently hosted a 'homelessness summit' in the House of Commons: "We decided to host a summit as it seems that current strategies aren't getting to the root of why people end up on the streets or without a space to call their own".

Also at the summit was *Big Issue* editor-in-chief, John Bird, who told the attendees that "social engineering" in this country was forcing people into homelessness. "There is an enormous predictability to the failure. We are always

dealing with the same people. Before the ink has dried on some people's birth certificates they have already failed because they come from a failing family."

He went on to say that most homeless charities were guilty of "mollycoddling" their users with a "surfeit of liberalism".

"I think sometimes we need a bit of paternalism," argued Mr Bird. "Many homeless organisations keep people thinking that they are the ultimate victim. We have to give homeless people the chance of growing up and developing themselves."

Robina Rafferty, chief executive of Christian organisation Housing Justice, has called on MPs to tackle the structural problem of people being unable to afford housing.

Ms Spelman, meanwhile, says that the Conservatives are in the process of taking a close look at the housing supply, the roots of homelessness and how the housing benefit system fits in.

"The mismatch between housing supply and the demand for accommodation appropriate to the needs of homeless people is a big theme," she recently told *Inside Housing*. "The link between problems with education and ending up homeless is one that shouldn't be just ducked out of."

'Hack'

Western Lodge expands

On the 18th July, local residents and members of homeless agencies from across London were guests at Western Lodge in Clapham for an open day in celebration of the completion of renovation work. The listed building has now increased its bed capacity from 26 to 30, an occasion which was marked by a dedication from the Bishop of Southwark.

The Lodge offers accommodation to men over 30 and enables residents to set short- and long-term goals over a maximum stay of two years. The renovation has improved the general facilities of the Lodge, including new bathrooms and dining room. It has also provided more single-occupancy rooms, which, according to staff member Steven Platts, allows guests to "deal with their lives with the privacy they need".

'RN'



News

Sects in the City

The Modern Jesus Army is on the streets. Should we be worried?

Few readers will be unfamiliar with this name, and fewer still will fail to recognise the gaudy crosses that the Modern Jesus Army give out on the streets. This Christian group is at the forefront of evangelical churches in the United Kingdom and is active in working with rough sleepers. As with all sects, however, it is not without criticism.

The Modern Jesus Army, also known as the Jesus Fellowship or simply as the Jesus Army, has been dogged by horror stories of people being financially trapped by the group, brainwashing within their communities, and an intolerance to other churches. But what concerns this paper is that a group with such a reputation should, as its own website proclaims, be "particularly active with many in need, including homeless young people, prisoners and ex-prisoners, and those involved in alcohol and drug abuse." In short, a church with very strong and strict rules on belief and worship is taking in those who are often at their lowest ebb and therefore most vulnerable to indoctrination.

We contacted them to ask about the Modern Jesus Army's work and were told by John Campbell, their Director of Communications, that "a considerable number of our members have had experience at the rough end of life, including homelessness, prison, drug or alcohol abuse. Many of them have a particular desire to



help others who find themselves in the same situation." And Mr Campbell dismissed criticism in the press by saying, "we're fairly high-profile in our approach and that means we get noticed. We've grown over the past 30 years or so, and in some people's eyes we've had to 'prove ourselves' before they can fully trust us."

The most persistent criticism is that when they take a person into their community, they also take all of that person's income. But this is a misconception, says Mr Campbell. "When a guest stays in one of our Christian

community houses, we normally offer the first week's board and lodging free. Beyond that, there is a modest weekly charge. A large proportion of the committed members of the church, however, live an all-things-in-common lifestyle, just as early Christians, monks and nuns did through the centuries. We pool all our income and pay our expenses out of the shared kitty."

But doubts persist over the wholesomeness of the activities for some members, particularly for those in crisis and open to suggestion. An internet search

will reveal a number of websites critical of the Jesus Army and where ex-members tell their stories. We contacted one of these, www.jesusarmywatch.org, and was told by its founder, Mike Aldrich, that he set up the site "having been aware of the Jesus Army for many years and been warned away from them". Similarly, Jesus Army News, Networking and Information's (www.jeanni.org) aim is to "highlight the dangers of involvement with the Jesus Army".

With a national presence and three congregations in London alone, plus a new centre due to open in 2006, the Modern Jesus Army are here to stay, and it's up to our readers as to how responsive they are to offers from them. It may be a wise precaution to read up on the Modern Jesus Army, and not from their leaflets. Whatever you do, be aware of what you are getting into. They certainly aren't everyone's cup of tea.

'Cobbett'

♦ If you have anything to say about the Modern Jesus Army, good or bad, please get in touch with us. You will find our address on the letters page.



Street Life

Homeless Hobbies No. 4: Visiting museums

Don't be overwhelmed and miss out on London's best free experiences

What a wealth of entertainment and artistic joy lies in this city? Some of the best museums on Earth are open to us daily, but visits should be carefully used so as to get the most from them; keep them fresh and avoid using them for the ignoble task of keeping the rain off.

Most museums are free to get into, with most asking for a voluntary donation which no-one monitors, and being free does not make museums boring; indeed some of the capital's best museums are totally free.

Take for example the eclectic, epicurean taste of the Wallace Collection, which has a veritable feast of decorative arts on display as well as one of the finest collections of arms and armour in the country. Often



overlooked on Manchester Square, just north of Oxford Street, this is one gem at which you will not be harassed by crowds. Of course, for breadth of displays and sheer size, the British Museum (BM) is the jewel in the crown. Again free, it holds in its labyrinthine halls the greatest works from a million cultures through countless ages.

And there's the rub...

To make visiting museums a hobby, rather than a distraction, follow a few simple rules: 1. Don't over indulge: I find anything beyond half an hour in the BM overwhelming (particularly the Assyrian section). 2. Plan trips to new museums, especially those off the beaten track, to keep the

experiences fresh. Weekly visits to the same museum will tend to make it lose its lustre. 3. Lastly, look at the museum's list of events, if it has one, particularly talks, which will breathe fresh life into the subjects featured.

Museums: they're there for you, and they're free – make the most of them.

'Anorak'

Jamie's BIG voice

A former rough sleeper and addict puts his opinions online

In April this year, a former rough sleeper, Jamie McCoy, produced a website in order that his views could be heard. *Jamie's Big Voice* was designed to give a commentary on the general election campaign, challenging candidates and homeless people to participate in discussions and express their opinions.

Since then, this blog (short for web log) has taken off and Jamie has continued adding his

thoughts to his website. Jamie's story is a interesting one, to say the least. A former heroin addict, he was living on the street complete with a criminal record, but is now a poet and an author. On his website he talks about all aspects of his life, including his views on street life and homelessness, his changing opinions of legal aid and even his problems making jelly.

Jamie covers many aspects of life. Take this entry from 26th July: "Finding work can be daunting enough for anyone who is unemployed. I know I can do the jobs I applied for, but my age and unsavoury past still keep on rearing their ugly

heads. We are told to be open and honest at interviews, but it seems this is not entirely the best policy. When I tell people I used to be a drug addict and I have a criminal record, and try to show them what I have achieved since then, I am told 'sorry, the vacancy has been filled'."

Jamie shows no signs of quitting his weblog, and you can follow his ups and downs at www.jamiesbigvoice.com.

'RN'

♦ *Perhaps the time has come for a blog from someone still sleeping on the streets? We think it could be done.*

Big Issue salesman attacked

A homeless *Big Issue* salesman was attacked by animal rights protesters because a recent issue of the newspaper carried an advertisement for a company that tests its products on animals. As a result, the *Big Issue* has cancelled all further ads by Convince, the company in question.

Richard Brown, managing director of *Big Issue* in the North, condemned the attack, during which the vendor was punched in the face. He said *Big Issue* sellers were 13 times more likely to be attacked in the street than other members of the public.

Missing Persons

The National Missing Persons Helpline needs you!

The Pavement is pleased to be able to help the NMPH in a sad but important task

Can any of our readers help the National Missing Persons Helpline (NMPH) in this sad task? The following cases are those of deceased individuals who are believed to have been rough sleepers and are, as yet, unidentified. If you could spread any light on the identity of those listed, even with scant detail, it would help clear up the mystery of the unnamed and possibly allow relatives to be informed.

Please ring the NMPH on 0500 700 700 and ask for the Identification Department, or you can email them at id@missingpersons.org. Either way, please quote the reference number of the case you believe you have information on.

Case 00-010153

On 6th February 1997 the body of a man between 55 and 65

years of age was found by a river bank and copse adjacent to the A1 Biggleswade by-pass. He had been living in a tent of bracken and plastic sheets and is described as about 5ft 5in tall with blue eyes, grey hair and a full beard.

Case 97-005774

On the 15th June 1997 a woman of between 40 and 50 years old was found unconscious in Bedford Square, London, WC1. She was thought to have been living on the streets. She later died in hospital. She is described as about 5ft 2in tall with brown eyes and long brown wavy hair. When she was found she was wearing two gold rings and a silver ring on her wedding finger.

Case 04-008326

On the 2nd of February 2004 a gentleman of 50 or 60 years of age was found unconscious in Kennington Lane, Lambeth. He was taken to hospital but died six days later. He was thought to be homeless and is described as

5ft 6in tall with blue eyes and longish ginger hair. His right hand was distinctive due to the middle and ring fingers forming a V shape at the hand joint.

Case 05-002553

In Petersham Woods, London, on 26th February 2005 human remains were found at a camp. The man was thought to have been homeless, and based on an earlier sighting is thought to have had an Eastern European accent. From sightings prior to his death he is described as medium/tall height, and between 30 and 50 years old with dark brown hair and a full beard.

• *As distressing as this is, please contact the National Missing Persons' Helpline if you have any information.*

Editor

**NATIONAL MISSING
PERSON'S HELPLINE
0500 700 700**



Above: Case 00-010153, a gentleman found at Biggleswade by-pass.

Below: Case 04-008326, a gentleman found in Kennington Lane, Lambeth.



The Opinion Pole

Our regular information section for Polish speakers

POLSKY STRONY

Pomoc medyczna jest w Wielkiej Brytanii bezpłatna dla obywateli Polski i większość schronisk dla bezdomnych oferuje usługi medyczne dla swoich klientów. Aby uzyskać pomoc lekarza przydatny jest paszport lub dowód osobisty który potwierdzi obywatelstwo.

W centrum Londynu pomoc medyczna można uzyskać w:

The Passage Day Centre

Carlisle Place, SW1P
Tel: 020 7592 1850

West London Day Centre

Seymour Place, W1H
Tel: 020 7569 5900

Cardinal Hume Centre

Arneway Street, SW1
Tel: 020722 28593

The Connection at St Martin's

Adelaide Street, WC2 (dla osób poniżej 25 lat) Tel: 020 7766 5544

GP, czyli lekarz ogólny, może zająć się niegroźnymi schorzeniami i dolegliwościami niewymagającymi ciągłej opieki medycznej a także wydać skierowanie do szpitala w razie potrzeby specjalistycznej porady.

Usługi medyczne dla osób bezdomnych są również oferowane przez samodzielne kliniki w których bez umówionej wizyty można spotkać się z lekarzem, dentystą lub pielęgniarką.

'Natalia'

Legal Affairs

Absurd vagrancy law must go!

Young Bailey's back with her second attack on the Vagrancy Act

In Issue Two we looked at the Vagrancy Act 1824, an Act of Parliament which became law nearly 200 years ago and which is still merrily being used by our police force without any consideration of its premise or point of being. We have already laughed at the absurdity of this ancient law and how it relates to rogues and vagabonds, and to those of us who "refuse to maintain ourselves".

Language and the law are completely interdependent. Laws must offer certainty to society through the way in which they are drafted and are then interpreted by the courts. That is only fair in a democratic society, isn't it?

We live in an age where, as a lawyer, I am constantly being reminded of the need to write clearly and in a way that everyone understands. And rightly so. I am scolded for my long sentences with no punctuation, and chastised if ever a Latin phrase sneaks into a court document. And rightly so. I am chided for intellectualising simple concepts and making things sound much more complicated than they are so that I look clever. And rightly so (although I *am* clever). I am encouraged to explain the law and give advice on it in practical and pragmatic terms. And that is fine by me.

But my point is this. Despite this progressive (ahem!) legal environment in which we operate, our society is still subject to laws that are ancient and unnecessary. I don't want to rant (yes, you do - Ed), but it is absurd that this law, cloaked in



the language of ancient prejudice, is allowed to sit on our statute books.

People have tried to challenge this law in the past. But nobody seems to have got very far. In 1989 a group of MP's got together to sponsor a motion, in the House of Commons, which called for an urgent repeal of the Vagrancy Act. Nothing came of it – the repeal bill put forward was not even published. Then again, in 1991, there was another motion to repeal the Act. The motion drew attention to "the high level of cross-party concern in the matter". It stated that there are already "perfectly adequate criminal sanctions available against begging accompanied by any form of threat or public

disturbance". And that was in the days before ASBO's. This motion also mysteriously disappeared (even though a repeal bill was actually printed).

Homeless charities have also been active in this area. I know that in 2003, in response to a government consultation on legislation dealing with rough sleeping and begging, Homeless Link were asked to give their views to DEFRA (the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). They also asked for a full repeal of the Vagrancy Act. They said that there was little public support for a punitive approach to rough sleeping and begging; that criminalising already vulnerable people is more likely to

compound their problems and frustrate the work of support agencies. But again it came to nothing.

So why, if there is cross party support for a repeal of the act, if there is no public support for its approach, and if its language is an incomprehensible mess of bigoted intolerance, is every attempt to repeal the act frustrated?

We at *The Pavement* have come up with a plan. We want to re-invigorate the debate about the Vagrancy Act. We want to work out why these persistent attempts to repeal the act keep getting ignored and see if we can't fight for its repeal ourselves. To repeal an Act of Parliament we need a few MP's on our side, so we're looking out for supporters in the House.

You may have heard of the Freedom of Information Act. It allows people to ask for information from public authorities (such as the Home Office, for example) and puts public authorities under an urgent legal obligation to provide that information. We have asked the Home Office for all the statistics that they have in their possession about how the police use the Vagrancy Act so that we can show that its use is abused and achieves nothing. We hope to report these results in a future issue of *The Pavement*. But in the meantime, we need your experiences of, and thoughts and views on, this law so that we can muster up articulate arguments. Please help and write to or e-mail us (see pg 4). I think that this might just be an argument that we could win.

'Young Bailey'

• *If you have been arrested under this act recently or have a string of convictions for vagrancy, please contact us.*

Health

Dear Flo...

The Pavement's resident nurse answers your health queries

Dear Flo,

I've been told I should stop drinking by my doctor, but I like it and I'm not sure I want to give it up. I'm currently drinking about eight cans of 'Super' a day but it does tend to vary. The doctor says there's long-term damage, but until I get in the right head space what can I do to minimise the effects?

Bob

London Bridge

Dear Bob,

I realise that you have no wish to stop drinking at the moment but if your GP is advising it that probably means that you have some serious health problems, so my advice is to at least give it some serious thought or talk to a alcohol advice worker. As for trying to keep healthy there are a number of things you can do. Try to eat something, however small, before drinking; this will help limit the damage to your

stomach and help prevent vomiting and stomach pains. Heavy drinking can prevent the absorption of vital B vitamins, so try and eat food rich in vitamin B such as: wholegrains – wheat, oats and wholemeal bread; fish and seafood; chicken; eggs; dairy products; leafy green vegetables; beans and peas; and citrus fruits such as oranges.

If your drinking is erratic then try to stabilise it. Look at sticking to a set number of drinks a day, e.g. five cans daily rather than two one day and ten the next. If you tend to favour 'Super' strength alcohol, think about switching to medium strength. This will give you more control, hopefully preventing blackouts, binges and accidents.

Below, I have listed some of the organisations that may help you further – they are non-judgemental about your past and will help you to look forward to a healthier future.

Alcohol Recovery Project

68 Newington Causeway,
London, SE1 6DF
Tel 020 7403 3369

TurningPoint

New Loom House,
101 Backchurch Lane,
London, E1 1LU
Tel 020 7702 2300
info@turning-point.co.uk

Alcoholconcern

Waterbridge House,
32-36 Loman Street,
London, SE1 0EE
Tel 020 7928 7377
contact@alcoholconcern.org.uk

Alcoholics Anonymous

PO Box 1, Stonebow House,
Stonebow,
York, YO1 7NJ
Tel 0845 76 97 555

Drinkline

Freephone 0800 9178282

Dear Flo,

I've had a cough for the last three months that won't go away. It's really starting to get me down, but I'm worried if I go to the doctor's it will be something serious. Can you help?

Anonymous
West End

Dear Anonymous,

Ignoring things sometimes seems the easiest option, but in fact all it's doing is causing you to worry. My best advice is to go and see your nurse or doctor.

The doctor will ask you questions about the cough – how long you've had it, do you cough anything up, do you smoke, and is it worse at night – and will then have a listen to your chest and may send you for a chest x-ray. This will help with the diagnosis. It could just be a persistent infection which can be cleared up with antibiotics, or it could be something that needs more treatment such as asthma or tuberculosis (TB). It is sad to say that in 21st century London there are high numbers of people with TB, particularly amongst the homeless. Look out for my special report next month.

The problem with ignoring your cough is that it is unlikely to resolve itself. Remember: the thought of going to the doctor's is often a lot worse than actually going.

Good health,
Flo'

Foot Care

The history of corns in two parts. Part Two

Both corns and the question of how to treat them have been consistent, and uncomfortable, companions throughout man's history.

Due to poor self treatment the composition of corns can vary greatly, with the hardest to treat incorporating blood vessels and even painful nerve endings. 'Fibrous corns' present permanent changes to the skin and have become anchored to the bone beneath. 'Bursitic corns' occur on areas prone to

heavy rubbing. The prognosis for these particular skin lesions is bad and although much relief can be gained by regular visits to the podiatrist's there are as yet no cures.

Most alternative treatments originate from the Dark Ages. Some of our ancient cures are so bizarre you cannot help wondering under what circumstances they were discovered. Popular corn remedies included pastes made from swine dung or charred willow. It was not uncommon for people to soak their painful corns in the gastric juices of a calve's stomach!

Prior to the Great Fire of London (1666) it was commonplace to advertise a corn removal service through the use of tunes or town 'crying'. The lyrics were crude by modern jingle standards but often the tunes were composed by celebrated musicians.

Orlando Gibbons was a prolific jingle writer. Best known for his madrigals and music for the Anglican church, he also wrote music to accompany jingles produced to sell corn-cutting. Gibbons eventually became the organist of the Chapel Royal, and was named Virginalist to the King, before

becoming organist of Westminster Abbey. Gibbons never forgot his humble beginnings and composed a poignant fantasia for voices and viols based on the traditional cries of London street peddlers.

In nineteenth century India, Corn-Cutter Wallahs would ply trade routes and garrisons; his particular 'cure' was a horn tube into which he sucked the corn until it liquified in the vacuum. Advances in technology gave him glass tubes so you could see the corn erupt. Nice.

'Foot Slayer'
Registered Podiatrist
and Shoe Historian.

Soup Runs

The Pavement Good Soup Guide

We're glad to be able to begin our Good Soup Guide' along the lines of the 'Michelin Guide' (and similarly our awards cannot be refused!). Instead of stars we will be giving out *Pavement* 'Slabs' – the best being five and the worst being one.

Thanks to readers who have written in with details of soup runs. Once we've confirmed those details we'll print them. Get your nominations in to the 'Good Soup Guide' at editor@thepavement.org.uk or The Pavement, PO Box 43675, London, SE22 8YL.

SOUP RUNS*

All Soul's Local Action Network (ASLAN)

Sat 5.30am-8.15am – Tea Run

Covent Garden, Milford Lane, Surrey Street, Strand, Waterloo and The Passage

Hare Krishna Food for Life

The Hare Krishna food run provides vegetarian meals from Monday to Saturday all year round.

Islip Road (Kentish Town) 12.30pm; Arlington Road (Camden) 1.30pm; York Way (King's Cross) 2.30pm; Lincoln's Inn Fields 7.15pm (Mon, Wed, Thurs); and then Temple (if there's any food left over).

House of Bread

Sun 6.45am onwards

Hot food and a full cooked breakfast once a month The Strand (the run at the Charing Cross end; opposite McDonald's). They also offer food, and sometimes clothing and showers, back at their church.

Sai Baba

Thurs 7.30pm: Lincoln's Inn Fields – curry.

This group provide several food services, both in buildings and on the street; the above is the most popular.

Silver Lady Fund

Pies from Mick's van early morning in Victoria (See right). More details to come.

Simon Community

Tea Run: Sun and Mon (6.00am-9.30am): Hinde Street, Milford Lane, Strand, Exeter Street, Covent Garden, Army and Navy, Waterloo, Lincoln's Inn. Wednesday and Thursday (8.00pm-10.30pm): Milford Lane, Chaplin Walk (Waterloo), Army and Navy (Victoria), Marylebone Church, Hinde Street. *Street Café:* Mondays (4.30pm-7.30pm) and Wednesday (9.30am-1.30pm): St Mary-le-Strand Church on the Strand.

SW London Vineyard

Sunday 2.30pm-4.30pm: beneath Waterloo Bridge (Embankment) Stew and potatoes – perhaps good enough for a future review?

*Please note: soup kitchens are listed under 'Services' on pg 10



No.1: The Silver Lady Fund, aka The Pie Man

If *The Pavement* awarded its slabs for longevity alone, The Silver Lady Fund would be a five-slabber. Started over 75 years ago, The Pie Man, which now does the morning run at Waterloo, was originally the 'All Night Travelling Café', providing tea and refreshment to rough sleepers and, during WWII, to those coping with the Blitz.

It all began in the 1880s with the Reverend Baxter's charitable work in the East End, initially offering food to the hungry and relief to those in distress. The work increased, as did the services, with clothing provided, and eventually accommodation for stranded women and girls, culminating in the Willow Street Philanthropic Mission in 1908.

The work passed to his granddaughter, Miss Elizabeth Baxter, who continued the provision, but more for the City and West End. The Willow Street house became the Elizabeth Baxter Hostel. The café van began its run in the 1920s.

It was Miss Baxter who gave this charity its distinctive name. In 1920s and 30s the Baxters lived in Tudor Street, and Miss Baxter's habit of putting six-pences and shillings on the railings for those in need, plus the colour of her hair, combined to lead people to call her 'The Silver Lady'. When the accommodation and mobile food services split, the van took its current name of 'The Silver Lady Fund'. Miss Baxter passed away in 1972.

Interestingly, the mobile food van had had difficulties with the authorities prior to WWII, having to be operated on the move to avoid causing obstruction. How times have changed! This was not the case during the Blitz, however, when the van provided the police et al with welcome refreshments.

The Silver Lady Fund run several charitable schemes, including joint provision of meals to the homeless in Brighton and Hove, but their most famous service is The Pie Man. You can catch Mike, and a hot pie, at the crack of dawn around Victoria.

For length of service, standard of the food, and breadth of their charitable provision, The Silver Lady Fund gets a rating of:



Services available in London

Copies of *The Pavement* turn up all over over London but it's important that we continue to spread the word and ensure that it reaches as wide an audience as possible. Please then, do spread the paper to other day centres or other suitable outlets. We have received emails and letters urging us to approach particular day centres and this is proving extremely useful. If you know of any day centres that you think should stock *The Pavement*, please ask them to get in touch with us (see *letters page*). Likewise, if you notice any inaccuracies please ask that service to let us know.

Alcohol workers – A	Clothing – CL	Housing advice – H	Outreach workers – OB
Art classes – AC	Drugs workers – D	Internet access – IT	Outreach worker 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 (16+)

St Alphonsus Rd, Clapham
020 7622 3196
Sun, Mon, Tues: 2pm-6pm;
Wed, Thur: 12 noon-2pm; Fri,
Sat: 12 noon-6pm
BS, DT, F, FC, H, IT, L, MS, OB

Acton Homeless Concern

Emmaus House,
1 Berrymead Gardens, Acton
Call for opening times:
020 8992 5768
A, B, BA, CL, D, DT, ET, F, FC

Aldgate Advice Centre/ Dellow Centre

Aldgate High Street, Aldgate
020 7283 1950
Mon-Fri: 9.15am-11.30am for
rough sleepers; 1.30pm-
3.30pm: appointments and
activities; Fri: 3pm-4pm for
rough sleepers
**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 (drop-
in); 8.30am-4.30pm (breakfast
for rough sleepers)
CL, ET, F, FC, H, MS, P

Choral Hall Lifeskills Centre

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

Cricklewood Homeless Concern

60 Ashford Road, Cricklewood
020 8208 1608

Housing drop-in: Mon, Wed,
Fri: 10am-11am (for 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, E1
020 7426 5661
Mon-Thurs 2pm-9.30pm
AC, ET, IT*

*This listing in no way does justice to the
number of activities they have running –
for a full list visit www.crisis.org.uk and
look under 'Projects and Services'.

Dellow Day Centre

see 'Aldgate Advice Centre'

Deptford Churches Centre

Speedwell Street, Deptford
020 8692 6548
Mon, Tues, Thurs and 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 (S.C.T.)

22a Hanbury Street,
Spitalfields, E1
020 7377 2497
Wed-Thurs 10.00am-4.00pm
AC, B, C, ET, IT

Holy Cross Centre

The Crypt, Holy Cross Church,

Cromer Street, WC1
020 7278 8687
Mon: 2pm-5pm;
Tues: 6.30pm-9pm
FF, H, MH*

*David Jackson of Holy Cross told us: "We
are running an open access session on
Mon and Tues from 2 to 5pm at the United
Reformed Church, whose entrance is on
Wakefield Street, off Tavistock Place.
We're encouraging our regular members to
attend on Monday as we will be running
outings during this period."

London City Mission

Waterloo Christian Centre,
628 Webber Street, SE1
020 7928 1677
Mon-Fri: 9am-12noon
B, BA, BS, CL, FF, H

Manna Day Centre

6 Melior Street, SE1
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, Lambeth
020 7261 9622
Mon-Fri: 9.30am-12pm (drop-
in); plus 12 noon-2.30pm
**F, BS, ET, CL, B, H, AC, A, D,
MH, MS, FC, P***

*Building work is scheduled for later this year.

North London Action for the Homeless

Church Hall,
24-30 Bouverie Road, N16
020 8802 1600
Tue: 12pm-1.30pm
B, BS, CL, FF

Rochester Row Day Centre (Salvation Army)

97 Rochester Row, SW1
020 7233 9862
Mon and Fri: 5.30pm-8pm
(appointments only); Tues
2pm-4.30pm (art workshop);
Wed and Thurs: 5.30pm-8pm
(drop-in session); Thurs and Fri
2pm-4pm (English classes)
A, B, BS, CL, D, ET, FF, H, MS, P*
*Excellent English tutor (he's Polish).

Shoreditch Community Project (S.C.T.)

St Leonard's Church,
Shoreditch High Street, E1
020 7613 3232
Mon, Wed, Fri: 9.30am-
12.30pm; Tues: 2.00pm-4.00pm
FF, B, OL

Spectrum Centre

6 Greenland Street, NW1
020 7267 4937
Mon: 10am-12pm (advice),
2pm-4pm (drop-in); Tues:
10am-12pm (advice),
2pm-4pm (women only); 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**



"This is Jez – he's a real cool doodle!"

Spire 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

Spitalfield's Crypt Trust (S.C.T.)

see Hanbury and Shoreditch
Community Projects

St Christopher's Fellowship

Lime Grove Resource Centre,
47 Lime Grove, W12
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 Gdns, 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 Camberwell Church St, SE5
020 7703 7000
Mon-Fri: 9.30am-12.30pm
(advice/no drop-in)
A, B, BS, D, ET, H, L, MH, MS, P, TS

St John's at Hackney

Community Space Centre,
Lower Clapton Road, E5
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, N19
020 7272 1783
Tues: 11am-2pm; Wed:
10.30am-2pm; Thurs: 6pm-9pm;
Sat: 1.30pm-4pm (must be
drug and alcohol free). Closed
last Sat of every month
**A, B, BS, C, CA, D, ET, FF, H,
IT, L, MS**

St Stephen's Church Manna

River Place, 17 Canonbury Rd, HA5
020 7226 5369
Tues: 7pm-9pm; Wed: 1pm-3pm
BS, CL, FC, FF, L

The Connection at St Martin's (Social Care Unit)

12 Adelaide Street, WC2
020 7766 5544

Daily 9am-12.30pm drop-in
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+
only), and sessions on Mon,
Wed and Fri 4.30pm-7.30pm
(strictly by appointment only).
Social Care Unit is 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**

The Passage (25+)

St Vincent's Centre,
Carlisle Place, SW1P
020 7592 1850
Mon-Fri: 7am-11am for rough
sleepers. Appointments only
beyond this time
**A, B, CA, CL, D, ET, F, FC, H,
IT, L, MH, MS, P, TS**

Upper Room, St Saviour's

Cobbold Road, W12
020 8740 5688
Mon-Thurs: 5.30pm-6.45pm;
Tue: 9.30am-11.45am; Sat-Sun:
12.30 pm-1.30pm
A, BA, C, CA, D, ET, FC, FF, H

West London Day Centre

134-136 Seymour Place, W1H
020 7569 5900
Mon-Fri: 8.45am-10am for
rough sleepers; Mon-Fri: 10am-12.30pm (drop-in)
AC, B, C, F, IT, L, IS, MS, OL, P, SK

West London Mission

New Lambeth Walk-in,
3-5 Lambeth Road, SE1
020 7735 9012
Mon-Fri: 1.30pm-4.30pm
B, ET, IT, TS

Whitechapel Mission

212 Whitechapel Road, E1
020 7247 8280
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun:
6am-11am (cooked breakfast)
BS, CL, FF, MS, OL

SOUP KITCHENS**American Church**

(entrance via Whitefield Street)

79a Tottenham Court Rd, W1T
020 7580 2791
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10am-12pm. Serving hot meals, soup
and bread, and/or sandwiches*
*No drinking is permitted on the premises;
inebriated guests will be asked to leave.

ASLAN

All Souls Church -Clubhouse
Langham Place, W1
020 7580 3522
Sat AM: tea and sandwiches*
*Clothing often available.

MEDICAL SERVICES**Great Chapel St Medical Centre**

13 Great Chapel Street, W1
020 7437 9360
Mon-Fri: 2pm-4pm; Mon, Tues,
Thurs: 11am-12.30pm
A, B, C, D, DT, FC, H, MH, MS, P, SH

Dr Hickey's Cardinal Hume Centre

Arneway Street, SW1
020 72228593
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10am-12.30pm & 2pm-4pm.
Wed: 10am-12.30pm
A, B, C, D, DT, FC, H, MH, MS, P, SH
*You need to arrive by 10.00 or 2.00

King's Cross Primary Care Centre

264 Pentonville Rd, N1
For opening times, call
020 7530 3444
B, BS, CL, DT, FC, H, MH, MS, SH
*More services than previously included.

EX-FORCES

In this year marking the end of
WWII it is worth highlighting
those who have served in the
armed forces as they have a few
specialist services open to them.

SSAFA Forces Help (Soldiers,
Sailors and Airmen Families'
Association) have a Homeless
Division operating in London,
listed above as SS.

Ex-Service Fellowship Centre

8 Lower Grosvenor Place,
Victoria offer an excellent
service. Tel: 020 7828 2468.

AWOL? Then call the 'reclaim
your life' (SSAFA) scheme on
01380 738137 (9am-10am Mon-
Fri) for independent and
confidential advice.

Missing



DURRELL SCOTT-COOPER
Age at disappearance: 25

Durrell, also known as 'D',
went missing from his
home in Barnet, North
London on 6th August 2003.
He is believed to have taken
his passport with him and
may have travelled abroad.

Durrell is 5'10", of stocky
build, with short blonde hair
and blue eyes. He is very
interested in snakeboarding
(two skateboards joined
together) and breakdancing
- he sometimes did displays.
Durrell has slept rough on
previous occasions and has
travelled widely, including to
France and America.

His family are extremely
concerned as he is in need of
medication and was
depressed. They just want
him to make contact so that
they know he is safe and well.

*If you have information
about Durrell, please contact
the National Missing
Persons' Helpline. All contact
is confidential. Freefone 0500
700 700 or email
sightings@missingpersons.org*

TELEPHONE SERVICES

Shelter housing info and
advice: 0808 800 44 44
(7 days, 8am-12am)

Saneline: 0845 767 8000

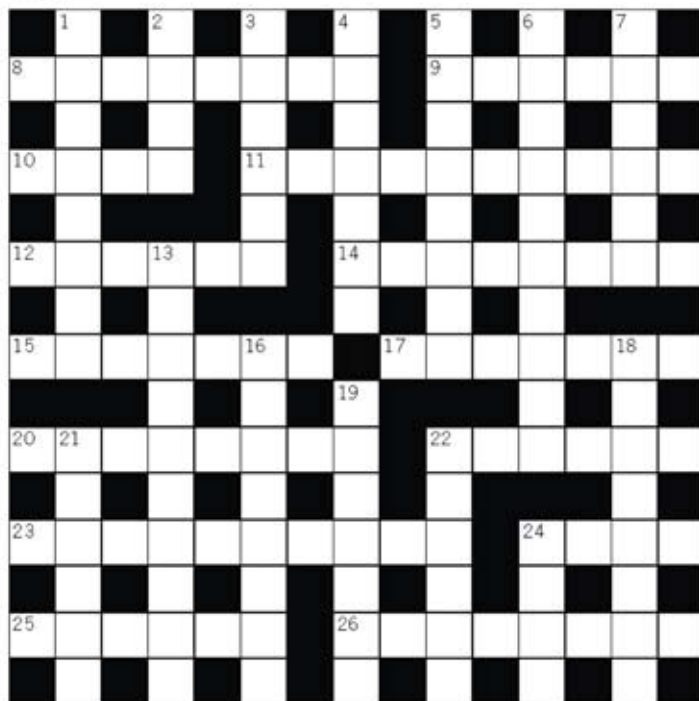
(12noon-11pm Mon-Fri;
12noon-6pm wknds)

Message Home Helpline:
0800 700 740 (24-hrs)

Alcoholics Anonymous:
0845 769 7555

Get Connected: 0808 808
4994. Free advice for young
people (1pm-7pm, 7 days)

National Debtline:
0808 808 4000

**Across**

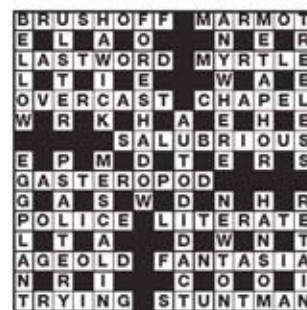
- 8 Barbarian, keeping love at arm's length, damn you! (2,2,4)
 9 See 12
 10 Crosby heard to have been "killed to encourage the others" (4)
 11 Writer in Old English to traumatise barbarian (5,5)
 12,9 Writer, well-born one, in a bad way (6,6)

- 14 Beast to check what sounds expensive (8)
 15 Close in time and close in space – drink round (7)
 17 Say "G-Greek island" and you start to keep food warm (3-4)
 20 Words translated without charge, too much to reverse (8)
 22 Practice of religion is somewhat difficult usually (6)

- 23 Containers of liquid hopefully sound (10)
 24 I'm a fool to take drugs (4)
 25 Caper ... by a whirlpool for starters (6)
 26 Parasitic policy, sabotaging mines without a shot (8)

Down

- 1 Victor's accepting calls to show your route – mind it (3,3,2)
 2,24,19 Summer time, maybe June, with Roy: 12 9's in 15 (4,4,7)
 3 Turn into suit (6)
 4 Vote for artistic body (7)
 5 12 9's 3s 4: the Guardian's name's in China (8)
 6 Publication by company – Iliad in translation (10)
 7 Hammer drawn by 14 (6)
 13 Movement of people is good in Muslim country, almost the first continuing (10)
 16 Woman on strike has to, so far (8)
 18 A crab is briefly the Guardian's pet (8)
 19 See 2
 21,22 The 12 9 cinema version, most of 3, with the end missing (6,6)
 24 See 2



Solution to last month's crossword. Many thanks to *The Guardian* for allowing us to borrow its puzzle setters

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The Pavement wristband offer!

You've got your... 'Live Strong' band (yellow); 'Beat Bullying' band (blue); 'Tsunami Relief' band (blue and white); Ozzy Osbourne's 'W*ck for Peace' band (black); 'Support our troops' band (red, white and blue); 'Pride' band (rainbow); 'Make Poverty History' (white); 'Share Beauty, Spread Hope' band (pink); and your 'Leukaemia Busters' band (green).

Now – if you can still move your arm under the weight of soft plastics, and if your wrist isn't swollen with a nasty rubber allergy – it's time to get your *Pavement* 'Make Homelessness an Aberration of a Past Age that Ought not to be Tolerated in this Modern World' band!

The 'Make Homelessness an Aberration of a Past Age that Ought not to be Tolerated in this Modern World' is available in beige, ecru or taupe, and tells everyone (who goes so far as to



give you a 360 degree chinese burn in order to read it) that you personally intend to 'Make Homelessness an Aberration of a Past Age that Ought not to be Tolerated in this Modern World'.

The message speaks volumes and, if you don't purchase your band from a market trader in Bermondsey, you may well have even given money to the 'Make Homelessness an Aberration of a Past Age that Ought not to be Tolerated in this Modern World' cause.

The 'Make Homelessness an Aberration of a Past Age that Ought not to be Tolerated in this Modern World' band is machine-crafted in 31.4 cm of deluxe rubber substitute; and, with a generous 10 cm diameter, it could easily be used on several wrists at once as an amusing bondage device, or perhaps even as a fashionable headband.

Show your friends that you care enough to contribute £50 towards 'Making Homelessness an Aberration of a Past Age that Ought not to be Tolerated in this Modern World' by wearing your wristband – even if you pay just £1 down the market: they'll never know!

• To order your wristband, please send a cheque for £50 payable to 'Old Marzipan's Reclaimed Rubber' to: Slick Eddie, Mandela Towers, PO Box 80085, Gotham City.

Stop Press: Homeless World Cup player goes AWOL

A Russian who was in Edinburgh to play in the Homeless World Cup has gone missing.

Andrej Vladimirovich Li, 29, played in the tournament but failed to catch the team's coach to London for a flight back to St Petersburg. His visa has now expired and police are asking him to come forward.