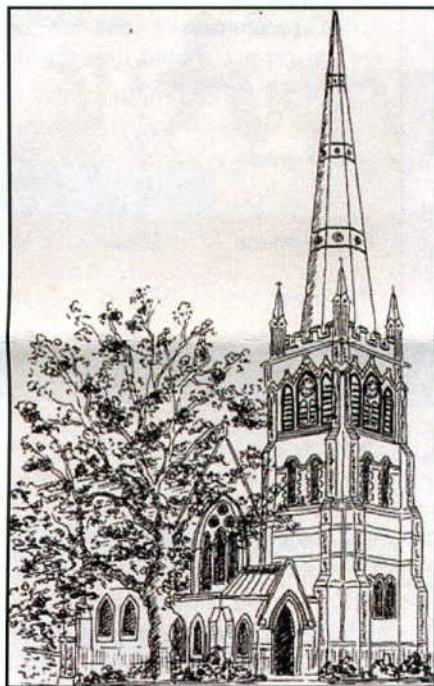


# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

## Community Christmas Concert

10 DECEMBER AT 6:30 PM, AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH. HAMPTON HILL



### THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All Volunteers are invited to the Community Christmas Concert at St. James's Church. This has been a most enjoyable evening in recent years and you are encouraged to come early and get a seat. It starts at 6:30 pm and the programme will involve talented people, young and not so young, in celebrating the season.

### Christmas Stocking Fillers

Two ladies have been hard at work preparing for Christmas and raising money for VCG.

Catherine Marshall, the wife of Phil who is one of our drivers, has been making knitted dolls and Pat Alboni, who helps in the office and as an escort on the bus, has been making small packets of little things children will love. All are on sale at the Greenwood Centre. Pop in and buy some.



### VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS PARTY 17 DECEMBER AT 2PM

Put this date in your diary. All volunteers welcome, come and join the fun.

### OUR BEFRIENDING PROJECT.

This project continues to attract new volunteers to act as Befrienders and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Venuza Laffey from Brazil who joined us in August and is already supporting one lady. We also welcome Mr Gwyn Jones who joined earlier in the year and is to provide to support someone in the nursery lands.

It has been shown that people supported by Community Care services are often lonely and isolated. Our befriending service has been developed to provide people in this situation with opportunities for social interaction and a sense of being part of the community. It is free and is available to isolated and vulnerable people, many of whom have a physical or sensory disability, who are resident in the TW12 postal area. We are really encouraged by our volunteers who are supporting 23 people in our area. A big thank you to all of them.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2008**



At the Annual General meeting held on 8 October, The Mayor, Councillor Helen Lee-Parsons, presented Heather Gibbs MBE with an award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Voluntary Care Group. This has only been presented once before. Heather has been a truly loyal and dedicated supporter of VCG serving as a trustee and Chairman in the past. We owe a big thank you to Heather, and others like her, for helping to make VCG the successful organisation it is today.

At the AGM James Woodford was elected Chairman for a further 12 months and Carole Atkinson was elected as Vice Chair.

The full Annual Report and Audited Accounts is available from The Greenwood Centre. On the right you can see a simplified income and expenditure account, which shows a healthy position. We are very dependent on grants and each year we have to work hard at securing new sources of funding, as we cannot rely on our current funders continuing indefinitely.

As many people like to see a simplified version of our income and expenditure the comparative figures for two years are shown here. We would emphasise that this summary is not audited and the full report should be seen if fuller information is required.

	2007	2008
	£	£
Employment	50887	52676
Premises	18165	18210
Office	6443	8747
Activities	6318	8452
Newsletter	4182	4439
Others	3938	2664
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88983</b>	<b>96428</b>

**NEVERTOO BUSY**

Our story of the first 35 years is well told by John Green in this small booklet which is available at The Greenwood Centre for £3 or you can download a copy from our website without charge. Another volunteer to whom we owe our thanks.



Income	£	£
LBRUT	16932	17440
HFAC	33194	6349
City Bridges		16500
Consortium		10000
Lettings	39838	40023
Newsletter	2585	5285
Donations	10942	6202
Transport	4658	4153
Investments	80	1742
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108229</b>	<b>107703</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>18306</b>	<b>11275</b>
Funds c/f	22023	40239
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>40329</b>	<b>51604</b>

**ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY**

Another enjoyable Volunteers Garden Party was held this summer in Jane and Jim Jewell's garden.

On this occasion the 80th birthday of Joyce Walters was celebrated with cake and flowers.



**Wishing everyone a very enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year**