

HOPE FOR HOME HERALD

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HOPE FOR HOME ANNOUNCES EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIP

WITH AGE UK LAMBETH!



In May 2021 Hope for Home signed a new agreement to work in partnership with Age UK Lambeth. Age UK will be running two drop-in centres for people with dementia and their carers on a weekly basis, continuing the Magnolia Club in Gipsy Hill, and adding an exciting new venue in Brixton. Moreover they have agreed to add an additional third venue at no additional cost to Hope for Home!

The Board of Hope for Home are delighted with this new partnership. We believe that Age UK Lambeth's strong and well established roots in their local community, together with their excellent reputation for delivering high class services and support to local residents will complement our project for people caring for their loved ones with dementia at home.

Kim Connell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Age UK Lambeth, said: "We are very delighted about this exciting new partnership with Hope for Home! We are passionate about delivering new services to help unpaid carers looking after their loved ones with dementia at home in our local community, because this group are so often very neglected and under-supported for their invaluable contributions. These carers are often very hidden, and carry on their role day after day, week after week, with little contact or practical help from others. This situation has been made much more challenging for them in these times of Covid. Several of our staff and volunteers have already been trained in the Namaste approach, via St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney, and we are all very keen to start these exciting new projects with our local communities."

Jonathan Croucher, Vicar of Christ Church, Gipsy Hill, the original location of the Magnolia Club said: "We are all thrilled to welcome Kim and her team from Age UK Lambeth who have re-started the Magnolia Club. The people who attended our club prior to Covid, unpaid carers, their loved ones with dementia, and our loyal volunteers have all felt the loss of meeting together regularly very acutely."

These groups started earlier this month and are funded for one calendar year. We need your donations to help continue this vital work. The Herald will keep you up to date with news as these projects progress!

MEET OUR NEW TRUSTEE -IN-WAITING! FIONA THOMSON!

Hope for Home was very privileged to welcome a new Trustee-in- Waiting to our Board in 2021- Fiona Thomson. Potential new Trustees are invited to join the Board for a year initially, before progressing further.

Fiona joined us a potential new Trustee in January 2021 and is already doing sterling work helping us as a Board to refine our ideas about our work and its impact.



Fiona says: "I work in Operational Management around the country, working in making anything more efficiently, from defence to pork pies!

I live in Glasgow with a few friends and a few kittens, and, like many others, got very into DIY and indoor plants over lockdown. When the weather allows I like to get

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021!

Following the success of our 2018 London Conference and our subsequent Conference in Scotland in 2019, we are planning to deliver a virtual conference on 23rd November 2021. The theme will be “How to Die Well with Dementia at Home”. The format will include five presentations and several interactive workshops. Contributors so far are Nicola Kendall (Namaste Lead, St Cuthbert’s Hospice), Linda McEnhill (CEO, Ardgowan Hospice, Greenock and Trustee Hope for Home), Kim Connell (Deputy CEO, Age UK Lambeth), and Joanna Morton (Namaste Care Coordinator, St Joseph’s Hospice, London). Please do consider joining us. People who attended previous conferences included interested members of the public, carers, clinicians, and academics, all of whom gave unanimously positive evaluations of the events.

More details to come....

OUR FINANCES

We remain a small registered charity in terms of our income. Like so many charities during the pandemic our donations have dropped, as fund-raising opportunities closed down. We do need money to continue our valuable work for the group of people we aim to support, for whom, all too frequently there is no provision.

We rely on private donations to keep our work going, and on fund-raising by our supporters, and on legacies. Our overheads are deliberately kept very low - chiefly comprising our annual accountancy fee and our insurance. We do not pay for office accommodation, and we have no paid staff, because all our work is carried out by a small band of very dedicated volunteers.

Please would you consider giving us a donation? You can do this via our website, or you can send a cheque, made out to Hope for Home, and send to 32 Foxes Dale, Blackheath, London, SE3 9BQ.

SUPPORT FOR HOPE FOR HOME FROM THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MARGATE, AND MORRISONS IN MARGATE!

Hope for Home has received fabulous support from the Inner Wheel Club of Margate in 2021. Following a virtual Inner Wheel Club meeting with Sarah Burnard, Trustee of Hope for Home in February 2021, the group committed to fund raise for Hope for Home for the next two years, once Covid restrictions had eased! As a result we have recently received a hugely generous donation of £600 (six hundred pounds), £200 of which was raised by the staff at Morrisons in Margate. This money will go directly to fund our drop-in groups with Age UK Lambeth. **Hope for Home** is enormously grateful for this support.

out hiking and camping as often as I can.

I am especially committed to working with and supporting **Hope for Home** because I have a family history of dementia and could see the impact first hand. I am keen to help access to education around the disease and to help people achieve their preferred outcomes for their loved ones.”

Hope for Home is a UK registered charity (No. 11229320). We rely entirely on donations to undertake our invaluable work that aims to provide practical help and support for unpaid carers looking after their loved ones with dementia at home. Sadly, our ability to continue to raise funds for our vital work has been adversely affected by the pandemic. We are particularly concerned about continued funding for our drop in groups.

Cheques may be sent to 32 Foxes Dale, SE3 9BQ. Online gifts can be made via our website www.hopeforhome.org.uk


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