



THE Gap

The newsletter from
The King's Arms Project

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FOCUS ON FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING



It's the 'end of term' for FNM on Friday 30th July and leader Ali Green writes '*As we head for the August break at FNM, we thought we'd find out what some of our guests think about FNM, and why they come along*'

See inside for more

Barton House Holiday!

See report in September's issue



BARTON HOUSE PATHWAYS

Neville Akerman reports on Pathways Progress: *'It's been all go at Barton House over the last few weeks. The Pathways Pre-tenancy Training finished with four Barton House residents successfully completing the course. All that took part said they enjoyed the course and have gained some helpful skills.'* Pictured below is one of clients - happy with his certificate and new tool kit!



'Nikki Le Page did a great job last year with the healthy eating and cooking course. And this year it's back, bigger and better, we have three of our clients on the course and they've already cooked a meal for both the Nightshelter and Barton House. Well done guys!

We also have great news that four of our residents have been offered their own flats from Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association (BPHA), and it's great to see them move on so positively'.

FOCUS ON FNM (FROM PAGE 1)

Guest Jane said: *"The main reason I keep coming to FNM is because loads has happened to me and I had no one to go to: but the team helped me so much – they are people I can talk to and help me through the bad times."*



Another guest Colin, said: *"FNM is good for people like me; for people who are struggling and have nowhere to live it's a lifeline."*



Guest Natasha: *"It's a friendly place – I like the company - it helps to get food too. And when you're sick or in pain you know you can come and get prayed for!"*

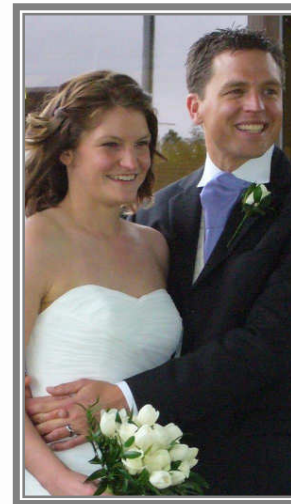
FNM restarts in September



ALI GREEN!

Project 'Wedding of the Year 2010' took place on 29th of May when Ali Inwood and Mike Green were married at Brickhill Baptist Church.

After a reception and evening celebration at Bromham Village Hall, the happy couple jetted off for a romantic honeymoon in northern Italy.



Since their return Ali says one of the biggest challenges of married life so far has been perfecting her new signature!!

VIRGIN MONEY GIVING

The Project has recently registered with Virgin Money Giving (VMG)! This means you can now easily support us on-line by making a donation or by regular giving.

You can hold a fundraising event for us and publicise it on the VMG website and you will be able to sign up very easily on-line when we hold sponsored events and pay in your sponsor money via our VMG page.



Visit www.virginmoneygiving.com and enter 'King's Arms Project'

RECONNECTIONS

Our Rough Sleepers Outreach Team are often involved in helping migrant workers return to their home country. This can be quite a tortuous process but despite the challenges the team have achieved some notable successes as Sharon Pole writes:

'We first met André when he had just lost his temporary factory job and as a result was sleeping rough. Originally from Poland he had very limited English and had a history of depression, self harm and alcohol abuse.

Through the then Migrant Impact Fund administered by the Borough Council, we enabled him to access the Nightshelter and start English classes – we also supported him in looking for work.

When the Migrant Impact Fund ran out he was forced to sleep rough again and at that point we were able to support him in reconnection back to Poland (funded by the council).

We supported him right through from initial decision to finding and booking flight, accompanying him to the airport and with local currency to get him home.

As he left he was so happy that we had found him a way out of his desperate situation.'



FUNDING UPDATE

Great to report some answers to prayer for funding – we've had two grants (total £8,000) come in for our Onward work since our last issue. We still awaiting responses from two more bids so please keep praying!

Funding continues to remain a challenge at present particularly as we await the outcome of any cuts the government might make to our statutory income.

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STAFF NEWS

We are very sad to have said goodbye to Dan Copperwheat (Support Worker at Barton House) in June. Part of the Barton House team for nearly two years Dan has brought a real energy and integrity to the role; we will miss him greatly and wish him all the best for the future!

On a very exciting note, we welcome **Simon Dwight** as a Support Worker with the Barton House team!

We have also had the privilege of having **Joy Barham** join our team of bank Support Workers during her summer break from training in the USA! Thank you Joy for being available to cover so many shifts!

We would also like to honour one of our volunteers, **Jon Scruby** who is faithfully volunteering at the Abundance meeting in the Nightshelter. Thanks so much for all you do Jon!

If you are interested in volunteering in an area of the Project, please go to our website www.kingsarms.org/project and complete the online volunteer form.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

- **DONATE ONLINE:** visit our Project pages at www.kingsarms.org/project & click 'Support Us'
- **BUY ONLINE VIA OUR WEB SHOP!** www.buy.at/KAP support us when you buy on-line from big name retailers such as Amazon, M&S etc
- **REGULAR GIVING**
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- **FIND OUT ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES**
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