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Newsletter - Summer 2011

CENTRE 404 GETS A VISIT FROM A SECRET MILLIONAIRE



Our Secret Millionaire, Lyn Cecil

In October last year we were approached by a Channel 4 film crew to do a programme about older people volunteering in the community. Lyn Cecil was filmed taking part in the Juniors Club, the Garden Project and she met some of our family carers involved at Centre 404 including one of our trustees, Jean Willson. Lyn and Jean struck up a friendship as Jean showed Lyn the ropes and introduced her to Centre 404. She really took the time to get to know our family carers and learn more about the work that we do. She was particularly impressed by our work with supporting family carers, who she recognised as women 'living on the edge.'

On the final day of filming Lyn met up with Jean to give Centre 404 a cheque for £20,000! She donated £18,000 to go towards funding the Juniors Club and £2,000 to go towards an event for our family carers.

It was a lovely surprise to find out that we had been filmed for Channel 4's Secret Millionaire and to receive such a generous donation! We are very pleased that this money will continue to fund our Juniors Club for the next year and some of it will go to providing a special event for our family carers. A very big thanks to the wonderful Lyn Cecil for her very generous donation and the Channel 4 production team who made it all possible!



The Men's Group's music session

CLUBS NEWS

Thanks to the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards scheme, we were able to purchase some **new musical equipment** including guitars, an electric bass, drum kit, amps and percussion. This will be used to provide exciting music workshops for our clubs including the men's group with whom we hope to formally record a song.

Our new **Wednesday Aiming High group** still has places available! If you have a son or daughter between 11 - 18 and to find out if they are eligible to join, please call Richard Wells at Islington council on 020 7257 8611

This year's **Easter play scheme** was a great success. Aided by the beautiful April weather, our event filled fortnight was enjoyed by members from all the youth groups. With some new events on this year's programme we had gardening sessions and our very own science lab. We also had a puppet workshop resulting in some very interesting characters!



Join Centre 404 as a member for just £1 and you will receive updates and discounts on all our events and our newsletter every quarter. Join up or renew your membership the next time you're in Centre 404 reception or call: 020 7607 8762

OUR NEW WEDNESDAY GARDEN PROJECT



We are very excited to announce that our Garden Project has received Capital Growth funding to help us start growing some vegetables at Centre 404! Our weekly Wednesday group has been working hard to prepare the soil in 2 beds at the back of our garden, plant seeds and grow seedlings over the past few weeks. Our Wednesday team is now a good sized regular group of people who come and lend their time for two hours every week. We've planted some salad and root vegetables as well as beans and courgettes. Our Saturday group continue to make the garden nice for all our events and people at Centre 404. We're hoping to harvest some vegetables in the late summer in time for some salads for the AGM and 60th anniversary party!

COME TO OUR PARTY!



This year it's Centre 404's 60th anniversary! It's been 60 years since Centre 404 was set up by a small group of family carers and volunteers and we have had many achievements since! We're having a big party to celebrate all we've done and would like you to be there!
Date: Thursday 14 July
Time: 5pm onwards
Where: Centre 404 Garden

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Centre 404's Build Our Future campaign has now raised £547,659 towards our fundraising target of £600,000. We have some fun and interesting events coming up during Family Carers Week from June 13th – 19th, plus our 60th Birthday celebrations and AGM on Tuesday 14th July and a Summer Garden Party on Wednesday 10th August. With many more events coming up it is sure to be a fun packed summer. If you would like to organise your own summer sponsored event, if you have some great fundraising ideas of your own, or, if you are interested in volunteering at one of our tube collections you can get in touch with our community fundraiser at Fundraiser@Centre404.org.uk. Our new community fundraiser intern, Kelly, is in her last year at London Metropolitan University studying Events Management and Public Relations and has been with us since March, she is excited about having joined us and is looking forward to meeting new faces and learning about Centre 404.



OUR FIRST MILD MAY SOCIAL

A warm welcome to our new tenants of Mildmay Avenue: Peter Hollis, Adetokumbo Adejuyigbe, Jolene Sampson, Robbie Austin and Carlo D'Avanzo

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We would like to continue to produce our usual four page full colour accessible newsletter but unfortunately funding for this resource has been cut. If you would like to help us continue the newsletter, please sponsor us or make a donation by contacting Carla on 020 7607 8762. It costs £200 to print the newsletter, so if we could get 20 people to donate £10 each, we will have our usual 4 page colour newsletter. *A thanks goes to Claire C and Carla G who also made small donations to this issue.*