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Hospice calls for help in financial crunch

By David Melsome

The North London Hospice has put out a plea for support after seeing signs of a reduction in voluntary donations as the recession continues to bite.

The supply of goods being donated to the charity's shops, like the one in the High Road, is dropping. Eleven shops in the area bring in 20% of the hospice's annual funds. Revenue from the outlets is similar to last year's levels, showing that people are still buying, but there are concerns that income will start to fall if the range of goods dries up.

At the same time, the sharp slide in bank interest rates means the hospice is suffering a fall in its regular investment income, a crucial means of funding its services.

Better facilities

The North London Hospice provides free end-of-life care for the people of Barnet, Harin- gey and Enfield. It relies almost

entirely on voluntary donations to cover its annual running costs of £5 million.

It is currently undertaking a much-needed £750,000 project to refurbish its main building in Woodside Avenue, N12, and in particular to upgrade the accom- modation facilities for inpatients.



William F Hunt:
Hospice donations are falling.

A tough year

Finance director William F Hunt said: "The finances of the North London Hospice are not exempt from what is happening

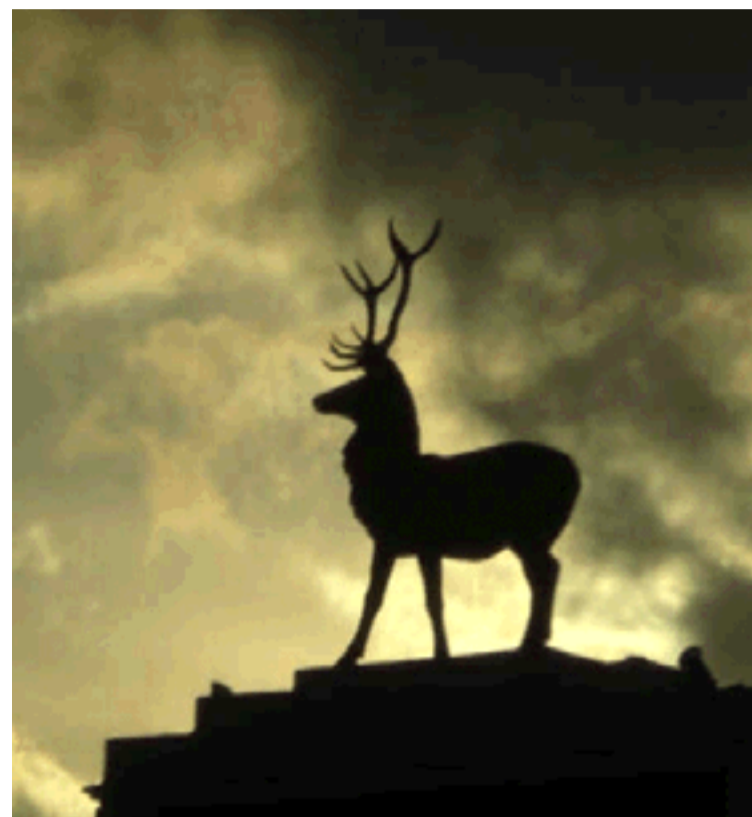
in the economy at large. 2009 is going to be a tough year for all of us. Please help the hospice sur- vive the recession in whatever way you can."

Donations are welcome at the hospice shop at 123 High Road, N2. Clothing, bric-a-brac, records, shoes, bags, crockery and books can all be sold but staff are unable to accept electrical goods or large items of furniture.

Fundraising with added fitness

Forthcoming hospice fund- raising events include the annual 20 and 40-mile sponsored bike ride through the Hertfordshire countryside on 7 June, and a Rock and Stroll six-mile women's sponsored walk and barbecue with live music on 4 July.

If you would like to take part or find out more about donating, contact the fundraising office on 020 8446 2288. More details can also be found online at www.northlondonhospice.org



Stag at bay

This brooding image of a stag under a stormy sky was not taken on a Scottish hillside but is in fact our own Bald Faced Stag captured by Harriet Connides as clouds gathered over the High Road.

If you have any photos of local events, people or landmarks, perhaps with a story behind them, you can email them to us at the-archer@lineone.net.

Stand by for parking zone results

In last month's issue, we reported that residents living within East Finchley's three Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) were still waiting to hear the results of a question- naire carried out last year by Barnet Council.

Residents were asked for their views last summer on whether the current CPZs are meeting the needs of local businesses and residents. Nine months on, no results have been made public.

Barnet Council have told us that analysis of the survey results has been completed and council officers have made recommendations.

A spokesman said: "Letters will be sent to all within the CPZ advising of the outcome, giving a summary of results and any intended actions. This should take place some time in May."

Residents concerned about the time restrictions of the CPZ, the rising cost of purchasing visitor vouchers and what they

see as increasingly draconian enforcement by traffic wardens will await the council's letter with close interest.

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