



ECO-FRIENDLY EAST FINCHLEY

Stationery and crisp packets go on the recycling list

By Emma Frampton

Bin There, Donate That is a local organisation, launched in November 2021, aiming to find new homes for unwanted stuff. Our (very) small team works on finding possible recipients, then approaching East Finchley shops and businesses to ask if they'd consider being a donation spot.

For example, we found the Children's Scrapstore in Hackney can pass on unwanted stationery and craft items to schools (*The Archer*, April 2022), and Amy's in the High Road agreed to receive those donations.



Recyclable: Unwanted stationery

Our only sorter and driver Dee collects the items from Amy's, along with tablet blister packs from Oakdale Pharmacy and cable wheels from EF Electricals, and delivers them to their new home. This month we aim to introduce new donation spots. Do you have a few hours a month to help grow the initiative, including help with social media? If so, email bintheredonatethat@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

Crisp packets and pens

Please add pens to the long list of bits you can take to Amy's. If the pens work, we will send them to the Scrapstore. If they don't work, we hope to 'Terracycle' them, turning them into raw materials to be used in new products. And in a further twist on the circular economy, we also hope to pick up any broken

pens from the Scrapstore during our weekly deliveries there and bring them back to Terracycle.

The Terracycle centre also takes crisp packets and this is this month's plan. The Cherry Tree Café in Cherry Tree Wood has started collecting crisp packets for us. We hope to have more collection points in all the local pubs (once we've asked them!) and at children's playgrounds.

We're hoping to get some big bins to post the crisp packets into, and are speaking to the Grange Big Local project about this.

One *Bin There* team member, Gilly, is also looking into setting up a local 'Crisp Packet Project' which makes covers for homeless people. Maybe you'd like to help her?

Soft plastic packaging

Many of you will be aware that Tesco and other big stores now recycle soft plastics including pet food sachets. Unfortunately, this is not yet possible in the local stores we have approached. Anyone with links or suggestions that could help on this front, do contact us.

Thank you to all those who send in ideas: keep them coming. We aim really high and cannot do it without help. Please get involved for a few hours each month; it really does make a difference. Contact us at Bintheredonatethat@gmail.com



Stage portrait: Kara Wilson, right, and in character, left, painting a real-time portrait of Angelica Kauffmann.

Kara and the Art Angel

By Lynn Winton

The artist, writer and actress Kara Wilson moved to N2 with her husband, the actor Tom Conti, three years ago, just in time to be safely ensconced in her new home before lockdown arrived. So she had plenty of time to research and write her latest one woman show *Art Angel*, a glimpse into the life of Swiss artist Angelica Kauffmann.

This is Kara's fourth stage incarnation of a famous painter. In her first, she became Bessie MacNicol, a fellow Glaswegian, then Polish artist Tamara de Lempicka. Both productions toured the UK and went to New York. Her third artist of choice was the Bloomsbury Group

luminary Vanessa Bell.

I was lucky enough to see a preview of Kara's latest show on Angelica Kauffmann and can attest to it being a superb dramatic portrait of the great 18th-century artist, who was a founder member of the Royal Academy, and whose paintings

hang in galleries around the world, not least in Kenwood House on Hampstead Heath.

Meet a remarkable woman

Angelica's life story makes for a tantalising script, as she mixed with the most celebrated artists, writers and thinkers. She was a woman ahead of her time, clever enough to achieve her artistic aims, survive a criminal first husband, and enjoy many admirers including Goethe.

In the show, Kara assumes the identity of Kauffmann and chats to the audience as if they were guests in her studio, whilst she paints an oil self-portrait. There is a collective gasp at the end when the portrait is finished, there's an unexpected twist to the original, and all completed within the one-hour running time. Then there is an extra post-performance treat when Kara answers audience questions about the production.

Her next performance of Angelica Kauffmann, *Art Angel* is conveniently local at the Phoenix Theatre in King Alfred's School, Hampstead, on Wednesday 25 May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20, available from Eventbrite.co.uk (search 'Kara Wilson') and the proceeds are going to Medecins sans Frontieres.

Pasture is open daily

Long Lane Pasture, opposite the fire station in Long Lane, N3, has been re-opened to visitors every day from 10am. Closing time will be in the evening and will vary depending on the time of year and the weather.

The pasture has a new wheelchair-accessible path leading to the gazebo and the pond, where the ground has been paved and new seating added.

The Friends of the pasture encourage visitors to avoid any cordoned-off rewilding areas and in general to stay on paths and picnic areas to avoid damage to plants and wildlife. They prefer dogs not to be

brought along but if they are they must be kept on a short lead to avoid disturbing the resident wildlife.

If you spot any issues of concern or interest contact longlanepasture@gmail.com. For example, last year observant visitors discovered a honey bee colony in one tree and oak processionary moths on another.

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