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**New Year Social - Weds 5th Jan 2011 from 6pm**

Our first social of the year will be at the home of our new chairperson Alan Miller – **21 Lanark Close, Ealing W5 1SN** - just north of Ealing Broadway - [map link](#). A winter warming soup will be provided - please bring food and/or drink to share. To let us know you are coming - or if you need or can offer a lift, please call Alan: 020 8997 3017. At this social we will demonstrate the inner workings of our wonderful website and will be available to help you log on and update your personal profile and your Offers and Wants - anyone who has a laptop with internet connection please bring it to provide an extra screen. We will also gladly receive your sterling donations - in lieu of annual subscriptions - for which Eals will be exchanged - please bring cheque books or cash. There will also be a sharing circle, and an opportunity to sell for Eals any items you care to bring - eg unwanted Christmas presents, craft items, or anything else that needs a new home. The main thing of course is that this is a chance to welcome in the new year and make contact with other members of the scheme - and who knows what good things this will lead to - so see you there !

**Monday 6th December 2010 - AGM Report**

An interesting AGM was held on Monday 6th December, featuring a report on progress since March 2010 of the re-launched scheme by retiring chair David Strachan, and an inspirational presentation by Simone Kay and John Hall of Kingston-upon-Thames (KUTLETS), our nearest neighbouring LETS. A more detailed report of the meeting will be posted as soon as possible on our [Notices and Minutes](#) page. Meanwhile we are pleased to announce that Laurence Nicholls continues as our Treasurer and Membership Secretary, and that Alan Miller has been promoted to Chair. Mary from LETSlink, who has worked in the background in a supporting role, will cover the role of Secretary pro tem. See our list of [committee roles](#). The incoming committee would like to thank David for his conscientious work in holding the committee together during the relaunch process, for his excellent newsletter - see [here](#) - and for his continuing outreach work on behalf of Ealing LETS. More soon . . . .

**Ideas for a Greener Christmas**

Genevieve Hibbs writes: One of Twelve Tips for a greener Christmas is to swap clothes with your friends. The government website suggests that you organise a 'swishing party' and bring your old clothes to swap with your friends so you all have something "new" to wear ... Perhaps we could do that at a subsequent Ealing LETS event. There would need to be separate rooms for lads and lasses! The link to the article is [here](#). Link to Genevieve's [profile](#). Watch this space for local events. . . .

## **West Ealing Neighbours**

David Highton, chair of the residents' group West Ealing Neighbours, has invited us to send a short article about Ealing LETS for their January newsletter, covering - What LETS is - both in Ealing and its national context - How it works (with some examples so it's clear to readers), and - How to get involved. Laurence has responded promptly with an article - many thanks - now uploaded to join other documents in our Newsletters area - see [here](#). We are also exchanging links with West Ealing Neighbours - see: [www.westealingneighbours.org.uk](http://www.westealingneighbours.org.uk).

## **Asking for help with running Ealing LETS**

We have been invited by Ealing Volunteer Centre to register with them as a local organization, potentially able to provide opportunities for volunteers, and have completed the form accordingly, attempting to describe the post of a Member Support Worker - the form, as submitted, has been uploaded to the newsletter area - see [HERE](#). Ideally, member support should be provided within the scheme, but following the AGM of 6th December 2010, we are down to three committee members, and we are therefore trying all angles. Hopefully someone allocated to us by the Volunteer Centre would in effect become a member of the scheme - or at least have that option made available. This does not preclude members from offering help on an occasional basis - one thing we hope members will participate in happily is hosting socials and phoning round to remind members to attend. If you would like to volunteer for this - or have an idea of other ways you can help - do [Contact Us](#)!

## **Get Trading!**

LETS needs you to log your needs and offers. Don't hold back - the more there are on the system, the greater the chance of someone offering what you need, or needing what you want to offer. This is what it is all about, folks. There are full instructions on the site so don't feel shy - but if you are, phone one of the Scheme contacts, Laurence 020-8579-9491 or Mary 020 7607 7852, who will talk you through what to do. If you are receiving this newsletter by post it means we do not have an email address for you, so please give this to us. You can put it on the reply slip at the foot of this letter, or better still, log on to [www.ealing.letslink.org](http://www.ealing.letslink.org) and Contact Us.

## **Subscriptions - in Eals and Sterling**

Our membership subscription is 1 (one) Eal per month and will be deducted directly from your Eals account in January 2011, 6 months in arrears (ie from July 2010 if you had joined by then then pro-rata). In addition, all members are invited to send a sterling donation. Suggested amount £10, but whatever you can afford - the more the merrier - this will provide an Eals balance for you to trade with. Please bring it to the social from 6pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Alan Miller's place, 21 Lanark Close, Ealing W5 1SN - or send your cheque, with the enclosed form, made out to Ealing LETS, to the address of the Treasurer, **Laurence Nicholls, Ealing LETS, 25 Kirchen Road, W13 0TY**

**Happy New Year ,**  
from Alan, Laurence, and Mary



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[ ] I enclose a donation to support the costs of running Ealing LETS of £\_\_\_\_\_

Laurence Nicholls
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