

# PLYMOUTH SOUP RUN

WINTER 2016

## Welcome to the NEW YEAR and the NEW WEBSITE!

[www.plymouthsouprun.org.uk](http://www.plymouthsouprun.org.uk) was launched on 18th December 2015. There are so many different aspects and people involved in the Soup Run and the website puts it all together and makes it so much easier to check out information and news, make enquiries or contact. Our **SPECIAL THANKS go to Mark Field at DM Informatics** who has done a fantastic job designing and setting up the website.

**SOUP RUN PLUS** on a Thursday night offers hot food, drinks and support to street sex workers in Plymouth. Soup Run volunteers became aware that these people were not accessing the services. A specific outreach began over 25 years ago through Mutley Baptist Church, named 'Rahab' after the prostitute in the bible. The work then continued through Keychange charity and is now under the Soup Run umbrella.



**THEATRE NIGHT!** Princess Theatre Torquay, 27th February 2016. **Unleashed Theatre Company** present '**Under One Roof**', an evening of music and drama exploring the issues surrounding homelessness. This vibrant, one-night-only musical review offers a thought-provoking and light-hearted narrative that puts homelessness literally under the spotlight. In aid of the local homeless project, the **Leonard Stocks Centre**. Call Maddie on 0773-4007617 if you'd like to go as part of a group.



Left and Right: Soup Run Volunteers enjoying some Christmas celebrations at Nandos Old Town Street on 4th December 2015.



## 21,000!

...That's around the number of free Soup Run meals served in 2015! The service is run entirely by volunteers every night of the year...quite an achievement! Well done and **MANY THANKS** to everyone involved, including Boringdon Hall, Boston Tea Party and Ivor Dewdney who have recently given so much.

**ANY SPARE SINGLE BEDDING, PILLOWCASES or FOOD donations? Please ring Maddie on 0773-4007617.**



**Hilary Knight** (pictured above), the Overall Plymouth Soup Run Co-ordinator heads up the Sunday and Thursday night teams. The Sunday **Soup Kitchen at Shekinah** is the focus of page 2 - see over!

A community and faith driven service providing free food and hot drinks to homeless, hungry and vulnerable people 365 days a year.



**The SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN AT SHEKINAH** is different from other nights, offering Soup Run users the use of Shekinah's drop-in centre facilities in the city centre. A small team still goes to all the regular stops but service users are encouraged to come to Shekinah where they have a better opportunity to sit and talk with others in a relaxed, and friendly environment. The Sunday team is organised by the **Salvation Army**, with Hilary taking charge and a team of around 12 strong, drawn from a large pool of volunteers from all walks of life. The youngest are Angus and Keiran (both 18) who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards. Just a few years older is Annie, who

at 88 is one of those real treasures in life who gives genuine and unconditional love, along with plenty of hugs and general encouragement. Annie says her secret comes from having committed her life to serve God when she began to withdraw from life following the death of her husband. So in a sense Soup Run is a lifeline for Annie too! Annie's awards include The Herald Pride of Plymouth Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013 for 24 years service to the City. Other Sunday volunteers in the team shown above include Colin, Hannah and her Auntie Jo, Judi, Katie, Norma and Stuart. For more information contact Hilary Knight on 01752-404134.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Kerry and Mark (below) who wanted to give back something into the community. So... they very kindly offered a night of free hot food from their mobile Fish and Chip van "A Salt 'n' Battered" one cold Sunday night in January... it was certainly very warmly received!



**Dear Lord...**

*Thank you for inspiring people to give and care for those in need.*

*Amen.*

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