

## Hope4 AGM Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10.30am to 12.15pm

The Mayor of Rugby will be attending Hope4's Annual General Meeting at the Hope Centre, 8 Newbold Road, Rugby CV21 2LJ. All Hope4 supporters and volunteers are welcome to come too. The AGM will be followed by a buffet lunch.

Please come along to hear what has been happening during the year and have your say about the future of Hope4.

*The Hope4 Directors Report for 2014/2015 will be presented at the AGM and is available on the Hope4 website in the 'News' section.*



## 'Speak, Brother' Concert 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan



Local award-winning indie/folk band 'Speak, Brother', writers of the 'Lions Roar' Rugby song, are performing a charity concert in aid of Hope4 at the Hope Centre on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 including refreshments.

To book: <http://speakbrother.co.uk/hope4> or contact Lilian Francis on 01788 823043

## THANK-YOU!

Hope4 would like to say a huge **thank-you** to all those who donated anonymously to our work over the last year. Your generosity is much appreciated!



## Sponsored Sleepout 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Please consider sponsoring or joining those brave souls facing a night outside in the cold.



Contact Angie Marsh on [whitestar341@hotmail.com](mailto:whitestar341@hotmail.com) for more details about joining in, or sponsor us on the JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/Hope4SponsoredSleepout>

## New faces and farewells

Farewell to three Hope4U team leaders: Ann Franklin, Elizabeth Murray and Sally Kemp. Many thanks for all your hard work and support over the years. Will Solomon returns as a second support worker for three months: welcome back! Welcome also to three new Hope4U team leaders: Ian Laing, Linda Humphries and Graham Smith. Thank-you for taking on these important roles.

## Winter and Christmas News

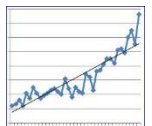
- The **Winter Shelter** opened on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. On most nights 12 to 15 rough sleepers have been given bed & breakfast.
- Tracy Williams held a Christmas Fair at Thornfield in November, Rugby Town FC held a food drop-off for Hope4, Tesco's donated food and a meal, numerous people donated warm clothing and coats: many thanks to all of you.
- Hope4 has started a **Chess Tournament**, which is proving very popular. There are some extremely good players if you fancy challenging them.



## Some interesting numbers

Hope4 keeps statistics about how many guests are registered and helped.

During the last six months (from June to November)



- There were 68 new referrals of homeless people (this is in addition to the 60+ who were already known to Hope4)
- 26 guests were housed
- 20 guests found work
- 4158 cooked lunches were served to guests
- 575 loads of laundry were washed and dried