



## NEWSLETTER TO SUPPORTERS: JULY 2009

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### Welcome

Since our last newsletter in July, we have been joined by very many more supporters. If this is the first time you have received one of these bulletins, “welcome” to you and thank you for your wonderful support. Individuals, giving monthly donations, provide a sum which now makes up by far the largest proportion of our funding. We couldn't do what we do without you. Thank you.

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### Feedback

When prisoner-penfriends approach the end of their sentence, we ask them to tell us what being a penfriend has meant to them. This is a recent response:

*“Being a penfriend has helped me think about my life and the way that I have been living it. So I have sorted out my head.*

*Thankyou.”*

Some prisoners continue to write to their penfriends after they leave prison. They find that this can be helpful as they make the difficult adjustment back to life outside.

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Prisoners' Penfriends is pleased to announce that we have a new patron, Nicholas Hytner, the Artistic Director of the National Theatre, and a new trustee, Malcolm Duxbury, a solicitor with much experience of cases involving the criminal courts. Welcome to them, too – and many thanks for joining us.

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