

## **Ode to Tindlemanor on International Women's Day 2011**

Old Street Station, Exit 5

Just a minute or two.

Walk along and you shall find

A building just for womankind.

Four floors of women's organisations

Championing change in regulations,

Rights or shifts in attitudes –

It's no place for platitudes.

They call it 'Tindlemanor'

But who knows how long for.

Make sure you don't let strangers in –

Read the sign on the door.

Maternity Action – we're ever so nice,

But I'm afraid that we don't give phone-based advice.

Not at the moment anyway –

Could you call again in May?

We have an informative website

With all you need to know

And if the answer isn't there

It tells you where to go.

If you walk down a couple of floors,

It's likely that you'll come across LAWRS.

And 'helping women through the law'

Rights of Women are down one floor.

WDS, WAMT and probably more,

And WILPF and its interns on the fourth floor.

Imkaan you'll find on floor number three

Their sector - BAMER VAWG.

Bridget is Queen of Tindlemanor

Call her if you need a spanner

Or anything else to do with the place –

Ground floor office is her base.

Then there's Elssy the cleaner

You've probably seen her

With Henry the Hoover

And limescale remover.

So these are the people you can meet

At 52 – 54, Featherstone Street

So on we all go, paving the way,

On this 100<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day.