

Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

Incorporating Alexandra Ward

ENTER THE 2015 MHFGA PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Wanted: your images of 'My Muswell Hill'

Thanks to organiser Tony Wells, there's a new photo competition open to members and their families. What the judges are looking for is your personal emotional or physical connection to anything Muswell Hill! A very wide brief, so get those cameras snapping.

The PRIZES are First £50, Second £30, Third £15

The entries will be judged by Zoe Norfolk, professional photographer, Graham Parkinson, President, Muswell Hill Photographic Society, and John Crompton, MHFGA Committee Member.

Winners will be announced at the Members' Meeting on Wednesday 11 November 2015 (North Bank, Pages Lane N10 1PP).

Terms and Conditions (Full details on the website MHFGA.org).

Format: Digital JPEG from cameras and all mobile devices, recent image (maximum 5Mb) taken by the entrant within the previous twelve months, maximum of three entries per person.

Send entries to: anthony.wells@btinternet.com. Receipt will be acknowledged. No entry fee required. Please provide name (and age if under 18), email address, phone number and title of image.

Closing Date: 30 September 2015



Last year's winning entry, Football In The Fog, by Cameron Wells.



July/August 2015 Newsletter

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THE USUAL LOAD OF RUBBISH

The non- collection of rubbish bags in the Broadway and Fortis Green Road is always a problem.

There has been a longstanding arrangement in place for rubbish bags from the shops, residents in the flats above and the street cleaner bags to be collected overnight. Brian Livingston, our committee member for the environment writes, 'Around eight weeks ago, I noticed that these were not being collected overnight with the result that the bags were being ripped open by foxes and rubbish strewn all over the pavements. I reported this to the Veolia Muswell Hill manager who investigated and found out that the overnight collection had been stopped and a new day collection service was being planned but no one had bothered to tell the shops and the residents. Unbelievably, this is still the case and people are still putting bags out overnight for collection'.

Further investigations suggest that Haringey and Veolia disagree about whose responsibility it should be to tell people about the change – bearing in mind that this is a cost-cutting exercise forced on Veolia by Haringey. 'A truly depressing situation'.



ST LUKE'S UPDATE

Demolition works are under way at the old hospital site. A parking consultation (CPZ?) questionnaire was delivered to local residents recently, inviting them to respond by 6 July 2015. Actually, it's a consultation about whether there should be a consultation!

'The St Luke's development is due to be completed within the next 18 months but to pre-empt any possible increase in parking stress in the area we have secured some funding to carry out a parking consultation' wrote Ann Cunningham, Head of Traffic Management.

This communication comes on the back of Section 106 funding from the St Luke's planning application. It is clear that Haringey has not thought this through, the questionnaire is very badly worded and does not set out the objective of excluding St Luke's residents from parking in the surrounding streets.

If you have any comments or feel you should be included in the consultation, contact the Project Engineer, Vincent Adenowo, on 020 8489 5143

Follow our new Twitter account

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or visit www.twitter.com/theMHFGA

We tweet regularly on Association and local news - so please follow and spread the word! And there's lots more about our area and its history at

www.mhfga.org

Members' Meetings

Conducted Walk – *NEW DATE!*

11.00 am Sunday 28 June

Queen's Wood walk – a return visit to see five years of progress in this wonderful setting. Lucy Root, Ecological Liaison, writes: "The walk will take one and a half hours at the most, but if people want to peel off after an hour they can. We shall look at the sources of the Moselle River in QW, ancient earthworks such as the medieval boundary bank, the recent coppiced areas and earlier coppiced areas, and the various pools. We hope to give a brief outline of the history and geology of the woods and something about the flora and fauna and our recent pollen surveys."

Meet at the Lodge Cafe at 11.00 am.

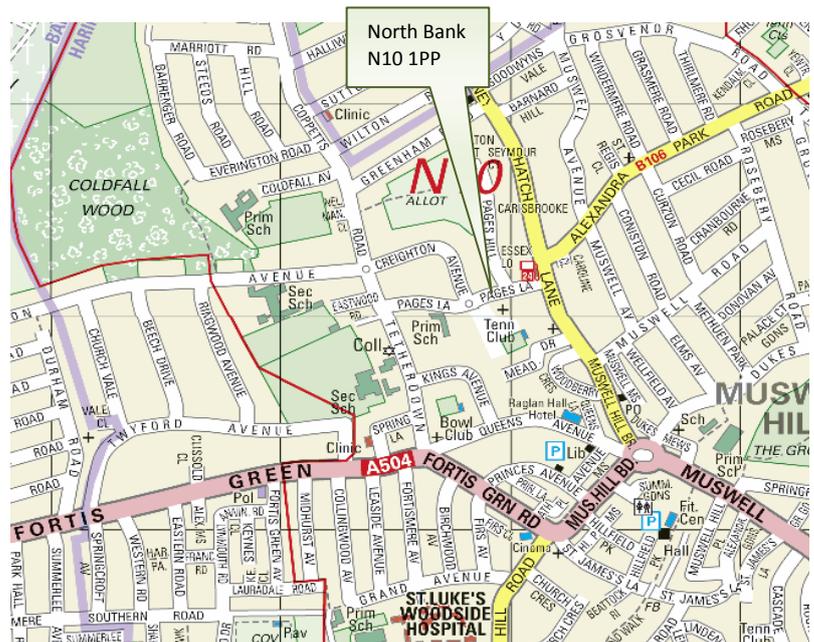
Members' Meeting

October – details to be announced in the next Newsletter, or check www.mhfga.org for details

Members' Meeting

8.00 pm Wednesday 11 November

Graham Parkinson, president of the Muswell Hill Photographic Society shows *Life in Lhaka*, plus Tony Wells announces the winners of the Photography Competition (see page 1 for details).



YOUR ASSOCIATION – YOUR VOICE

The Newsletter welcomes contributions from the members. All letters, features, articles and photographs will be considered for publication.



Write to editor@mhfga.org

REPORT FROM THE AGM



John Hajdu in the Chair summarised the Association's activities over the last year, while John Crompton (left) prepares to deliver the good financial report (standing in for treasurer Jacqueline Servat), with thanks to Hugh Garnsworthy for examination of the accounts. John reported a productive and successful year. In brief, the Chairman reported: We have 690 individual members (18 corporate) and Nick Barr dealt with 560 planning applications. There were a variety of meetings, work was done on the website, we have a new twitter feed (thanks, to Duncan Neil), Tony Wells organized a terrific photo competition and Brian Livingston oversaw many improvements to the local environment. Chris Barker worked for the 144 and W7 bus stop to be moved to the roundabout - successfully. The future for Ally Pally looks hopeful, though we were sorry to see Duncan Wilson move on. Ruth Schamroth and friends ran a Saturday stall in the Broadway and are also taking over the Notice Board. We are saddened by the loss of Ken Gay. John Hajdu still needs a volunteer to run meetings and PR. And Alex Vincenti has come up with debit/credit card facility for you to pay your membership dues.

After the formal business of the AGM, we had a brief talk by Peter Marsh (pictured), CEO of Planet Organic, about their history and ethos. Sixty five per cent of their customer base is under 40, and they travel the world for healthy new products. The next trend is sprouted grains and seeds. We were treated to an exceptional buffet and freshly made juices with a wonderful mixture of flavours. The chain is very happy that they have made their flagship store in the heart of Muswell Hill. Thank you, Planet Organic.



Bill Tyler chooses from the amazing spread, closely observed by fellow committee members Chris Roche and Duncan Neil.

(Note: the full text of the Chairman's speech can be found on our website www.mhfga.org)

UPDATE: AREA FORUMS AND COMMITTEES

Dear Resident,

We're writing to you as you've previously attended a Haringey Council Area Forum and we want to explain some changes that we are looking to introduce.

The council agreed this month to bring the existing Area Forum & Committee arrangement to an end and to instead explore how we can find better ways of engaging and working with residents, businesses and partners – and giving local people a greater say over community projects.

While we understand that the Area Forums were popular with some residents, in many areas these have not been well attended.

Over the coming months we will be looking at different ways we engage and involve local communities on issues that matter to you the most, recognising that what may work in one area may not work in another. We will be discussing with your ward councillors different ways we can do this, using local knowledge and expertise.

Kind regards,

Cllr Bernice Vanier, Cabinet Member for Communities

The Committee responds: We are sorry to see the Area Forum go, and look forward to hearing from Haringey what the alternative proposals are. We are sure that the Council would agree that this was a good way for them to update the community on any local Council initiatives. The local Forum was well attended and we can only assume that finance must have been a factor in the Council's decision. We therefore suggest that the frequency be reduced to twice a year - say Autumn and Spring. What does anyone else think?

ALEX'S CORNER

Dear Members.

It's membership renewal time.

Thanks to all who pay by Standing Order: you do not need to do anything, your membership will automatically be renewed.

If you have paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer for a single year, please consider the Standing Order option: it helps us enormously in our administration and in planning our campaigns and activities. You will find the necessary form in this Newsletter or you can download it from our website www.mhfga.org, where you can also get the details for arranging a Standing Order with your bank online.

This year, for the first time, you can also pay by debit/credit card. Details, again, on the MHFGA website.

New Members

A very warm welcome to Edward Oates and Alexandra Clarke of Church Crescent; Chris Green, Vicar of St. James Muswell Hill; Natalie Steiner, local contact for the National Children's Trust; Graham Jobson, of Summerland Gardens; Gillian Phillips, of Steeds Road; Martin and Sue Rich, of Linden Road; Jenny Hammerton, of Colney Hatch Lane; Deborah & Richard Todman, of Fortismere Avenue; Deanna Bogdanovic, of Muswell Hill; John Milligan, of Weld Place; Ingrid and Jeff Skinner of Rosebery Road; Dod Tullis of Colney Hatch Lane; Tony Davies of Pages Lane; Laura and Adam Levy of Ringwood Avenue

My Details

Please send your comments, suggestions and requests to membership@mhfga.org or write to The Membership Secretary, MHFGA, 49 Halliwick Road, London N10 1AA.

Also thanks to our corporate members.

Ethical Edibles (Donatella Bernstein), Victory Auto Services (Mark Bharadia), Woodland Tree Surgery (Christopher Hill), Excel English Language School (Judy Loren), Feast (Roger Ward CBE), Fortismere School (Helen Anthony), Muswell Hill Bowling Club (Paul Chapman), Muswell Hill Toy Library (Liz Luxmore), Norfolk House School (Samantha Habgood), Odeon Cinema (Michael Anderson and Dee Neal), Planet Organic (Peter Marsh), Robert Linsky Optometrist (Robert Linsky), St. James Church Muswell Hill, The John Baird (Keith Nicholas), Tim Moss Furniture (Tim Moss), Toffs of Muswell Hill (George and Costas Georgiou), Tootoomoo (Philip McGuinness), Clissold Arms (George Kyriakos Karageorgis).

And special thanks to those who display our Newsletter on their premises.

MEMBER IN PROFILE

Susie Holden, Trust Fundraising Manager at the National Portrait Gallery.



I have lived in Alexandra Park for nearly five years, and before that in Crouch End and Bounds Green. I absolutely love this area and feel privileged to live here. I live in a street where houses come up for sale fairly infrequently, with plenty of neighbours who have lived in the same home for many years, even decades. It is a friendly place and feels like a village, but is big enough to give you privacy.

I work at the National Portrait Gallery in the Development Department, raising funds from charitable trusts and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Recent projects range from helping to secure Sir Anthony Van Dyck's last self-portrait for the nation to raising funds for the forthcoming major exhibition of works by Alberto Giacometti.

I know how much work goes into raising funds for regeneration projects and am delighted that Alexandra Palace has been awarded over £18m by the Heritage Lottery Fund. I have always loved Alexandra Palace and have been watching its journey towards regeneration with close attention. I can't wait to see the great achievements ahead.

Protecting our local environment is something I feel strongly about, and I am deeply committed to the campaign to save the nature conservation site at Pinkham Way. I first got involved in the Pinkham Way Alliance (PWA) four years ago when our campaign got underway in response to plans to build Europe's second largest waste processing on this unique site. Since we began, many others have joined the fight and many battles have been won. But it's not over yet. As we continue to fight, I'm learning how much local people can achieve when they pull together.

I have a strong belief in community and am a founder member of a new community website for Alexandra Park and surrounding areas. **Alexandra Park Neighbours** is a

website set up and run by local residents with the aim of providing an online space for residents to connect with each other and share news, information and resources. I'm pleased to say that since we launched the site earlier this year, there's been an enthusiastic response from local people with lots of activity on the site, including some great local photos, lively discussions and shared resources. Membership of the site is free and it is really easy to join. The web address is alexandraparkneighbours.org.uk.

ADOPT A TROUGH?

Dear Members

I have been thinking about the historic horse-trough on the roundabout by Barclays Bank. It does need regular attention - it would be great if we could find a "green fingers" member who could 'adopt' the trough, we could reimburse the cost of flowers etc. I think this would be a satisfying job for someone. Over the years, many people have contributed in several ways to the upkeep of these enhancements to our landscape. Would you be willing to adopt the trough? Please contact me, or any of our committee members.

Brian Livingston

Committee member for the environment

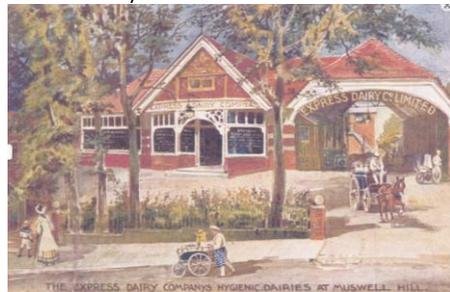


Editor's note: Anybody want to adopt this historic trough? And would you like to support Brian by maintaining contact with the Council and other local authorities - keeping our environment and surroundings pleasant for everyone. Contact Brian or any committee member - details on page 2.

Join the hundreds of visitors to our website -
click on www.mhfga.org for a wealth of information, archive photographs and news.

THE MOSSY WELL PUB

Pub operator Wetherspoon has finally begun building work on its new pub in Muswell Hill. It is spending £1.5 million developing the new-look pub on the site of the former pub, The Village, on Muswell Hill Broadway.



For those of you with really long memories, the building used to be the Express Dairy. Many more old pictures of Muswell Hill can be found on our website MHFGA.org.

The pub, The Mossy Well, is set to open mid-October. A total of 50 jobs will be created.

Wetherspoon chairman Tim Martin said: 'I believe it will be a good addition to Muswell Hill's social scene.'

The first Wetherspoon pub was opened by Tim Martin in Colney Hatch Lane, Muswell Hill, in 1979. The company now operates 940 pubs employing more than 35,000 staff across the UK.

Tim Martin added: 'My first pub in Muswell Hill was the launch pad for Wetherspoon's success across the UK in the following years. I'm looking forward to seeing a Wetherspoon pub in Muswell Hill once again.'

Near the Mossy Well, John Crompton reports, there is certainly plenty going on. From the top, there is the conversion of 77 Muswell Hill into flats - the main difference we will notice is the provision of balconies, and the Green Man redevelopment is well under way, behind temporary walls.

Further down that side of the hill, there is the provision of new flats at 30 Muswell Hill (at the time of writing the site has mind-boggling soil buttressing arrangements in place) and yet further down there is what has become the demolition and rebuilding of the lodge at 6 Muswell Hill - behind the black fencing.

In the original approved scheme, it was intended to rebuild the existing walls but after getting permission the applicant successfully convinced the Council that this would not be possible and the walls would have to be demolished.

SCHOOL PLACES IN MUSWELL HILL

Many members will be aware of the challenges faced by parents applying for places at local schools - either through direct experience or from family members or neighbours. Whilst the local area has many fine state schools - both primary and secondary - there is increasing pressure on the number of primary school places from demographic change.

According to the Ham & High in March, the current shortfall of places in Muswell Hill is equivalent to one additional class - or 30 extra places. Based on current projections, the need for additional spaces will continue to grow until 2018, when yet another form of entry will be required. Coldfall Primary School has put itself forward to expand from three to five-form entry - increasing its size to over 1,000 pupils. This and other proposals have been consulted on over the past year by Haringey. Final decisions are yet to be made.

It would be interesting to hear what members think about the issue of local school places. Do you have any creative ideas on how to solve the shortage? Do any members live in school "black holes", outside any school catchment areas? Is the impact of school catchment areas on house prices rational or crazy? What impact is there on your street from school car traffic?

Please write in, or start a discussion via our Twitter account (@theMHFGA)
Duncan Neil

CROSS SAFE N10

Dear supporters

We have been quiet for a while as we have been awaiting news from Haringey Council regarding the timings for the public consultation and works schedule. This was delayed due to the period of purdah around the General Election.

We were informed recently that the three week public consultation period is due to start on 29th June and finish on 20th July. Subject to the outcome, Haringey Council officers have scheduled Transport for London to start work on the new junction layout and new lights in January 2016 to be completed in March 2016. We are really encouraged by this news.

Once we get written confirmation we will let you know if there are any changes or further updates. In the meantime, please look out for consultation details.

Best regards

Cross Safe N10 group

THE AGM

Dear Newsletter,

I attended my first MHFGA AGM. I have been an inactive member for years. Recently I started helping with the stall and Notice Board and thought I'd come along to the AGM to hear what else the Association was doing. I was blown away. It does a tremendous amount of work in the local community and the members have a wealth of local knowledge.

John Hajdu's report covered all the interesting talks he's organised this past year. I'm sorry I only got to one or two of them. I enjoyed the history of the Rookfield Estate. But I missed the East Finchley history walk; the police discussion, the talk by the North London Hospice (whose charity shop I support), the allotments talk, which sounded great fun, and the plant sale.

The newsletter that is produced every two months is really good. Membership can now be paid by debit/credit card payment online, the website looks good and there is now a Twitter Account.

John talked about the planning issues that we, as an organisation, responded to - the new piazza outside the Odeon; St Luke's Hospital, the Village Pub plans, the future of Muswell Hill Library, Ally Pally's Heritage Lottery fund and several others. After the necessary AGM business we had an interesting talk by the CEO of Planet Organic. Then two of his chefs prepared the most amazing spread for us - delicious, fresh, healthy foods that were out of this world.

Excellent evening and the date of the Mid-Summer Madness event on the new piazza and the Queen's Park guided walk are firmly in my diary.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Schamroth

BOWLING ALONG

Dear Members

I must have lived in Muswell Hill for 30 years before I discovered the secret Bowling Club tucked away between King's and Queen's Avenues and Tetherdown. This May, a friend and I joined it. And what a pleasure on a sunny Sunday afternoon to gently roll the bowls across a huge expanse of immaculate green. The woods click pleasingly, the birds sing, the sun throws shadows and my playing partner and I have a basket of cherries for when we rest and watch more expert players to appreciate the subtleties of their shots. An honesty bar beckons for later. My friend and I muse on the mixed reactions we have had from others who see us as descending from bus pass to lawn bowls, dementia, and the grave - in that order. Not a bit of it; both of us were working that day and a pleasant hour of concentration, friendly competitiveness and bonhomie around the green refreshed us both and we returned to our projects renewed and invigorated. This misconception may be what's putting others off from joining and the Club needs more playing members. Why not give it a try: look in on a Tuesday or Friday between 6 and 8.30 at the little blue gate next to 36 King's Avenue.

Jane Dorner

POTHoles ALERT

Dear MHFGA

For a several years, I have been watching the pavements on Fortis Green Road descend into the current disgraceful state of disrepair. It appears as if the Council has come around a couple of times in the past 2 months with a can of white spray paint and highlighted some of the pot holes, while missing out entirely on others. Not only is this neglected stretch of busy public walkway a potential danger to those who use it - many of whom are elderly residents who need to navigate their way down the damaged pavement on Fortis Green Road - it also is an eye sore as the pavement looks more like a moth-eaten patchwork quilt than the pavement a shopping street in one of the areas of Haringey that is almost entirely made up of H-band valued homes and where the Council demands some of the highest rates of its business owners. What strikes me as odd is that I noticed just two weeks ago that the pavements along the lower half of Cranley Gardens were being beautifully redone. I am just wondering if any of you know: What the plans are by the Council to address the poor state of the pavements of on Fortis Green Road? What one has to do to get some action to properly deal with this issue? Something really needs to be done. If it requires a petition, I am very happy to assist in getting something going on this front. I would be interested to know if the Traders Group or MHFG Association is looking into this. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards, Kasia Foch



THE FORTISMERE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Based in the heart of Muswell Hill at Fortismere School, the Fortismere Community Orchestra is made up of talented and enthusiastic members of the local community, including students, instrumental teachers, composers and highly skilled amateurs. Thomas Gregory conducts the playing to an impressively high standard, rehearsals are fun, and the repertoire has so far included Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, Brahms, and Dvorak, with a range of soloists based locally and as far afield as the USA.

The next concert will be at St Andrew's Church, Alexandra Park Road, Muswell Hill, on 4 July at 7.30 pm with a programme of Rossini Overture to L'italiana in Algeri, the Brahms Violin Concerto (soloist: Rebekah Allan), and Beethoven Symphony No. 1. Tickets available on the door.

The FCO welcomes new players. If you would like to know more about joining, email the Fortismere Music Centre Manager at fmcfinfo@fortismere.org.uk.

ALEXANDRA PALACE

Summer Festival 25 July 2015 11am - 11pm

This July, Alexandra Palace is throwing open the gates for London's largest celebration of summer. Taking place within the Palace and Alexandra Park, Londoners are invited to a fun-packed day of activities and events including an outdoor cinema, silent disco, live music, two fun fairs, ice skating and gala plus much more, set against the backdrop of the best view in London. Entry is free with tickets required for some of the activities.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST JAMES CHURCH?

Community Cafe - Tuesdays: 11.00-1.00 Free coffee, cake and conversation. Venue: through the main doors, just turn up.

Tea Time: For seniors in the Muswell Hill area. Wednesdays: 2.30-3.30pm Tea, sandwiches and entertainment contact:

gebrazier@gmail.com 020 8883 6453 Venue: St James Centre

Legal Advice: Free legal advice Mondays & Saturdays walk in service from 10.00-12noon Venue: St James Church, contact:

anything.legal@dial.pipex.com

St James Women's Garden Party - finding God in the garden Drinks, canapés, interactive discussion

Thursday 9 July 7.45pm contact: Viv 07739 358 531

And don't miss the Lunch Time Concert, Saturday 12 noon in the church 1 August. Refreshments. No need to book

COLD FALL NATURE WALKS

Meet at the East entrance to the wood on Creighton Avenue, opposite the entrance to Fortismere School (N10 1NT). Free, but a donation of £3 per adult is appreciated.

Medicinal plant walk Saturday 11 July, 2:00pm
With by Krishna Ramamurthy, local herbalist. A summer stroll through Coldfall Wood and the playing fields to find out the medicinal properties of plants that grow there.

Invertebrate walk Sunday 26 July 2:00pm
With Tristan Bantock, local entomologist and recorder
The wood hosts an abundance of invertebrates including some rare and nationally notable species. What will turn up this year?

PLANNING AN EVENT?

MUSWELL HILL BOWLING CLUB is offering their intimate atmospheric clubhouse and luscious secluded green for event hire. They can host parties - with or without bowls - for friends, families, kids and companies - bowls parties from 8 to 32 and seated events for 50 people.

In June, the club hosted a 40th Bowls Birthday party for twenty. *'I just wanted to touch base and say A HUGE THANK YOU. The clubhouse looked stunning last night. We were so happy and every single person there was just blown away by how charming and fun the night was. Everyone loves to bowl!!!' - BT*

Drop by on a Friday evening from 6.30pm for a bowls taster session or a cool drink by the green. Info at <http://muswellhillbowls.blogspot.co.uk/>



For that special occasion, the Bowling Club

HORNSEY PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP

HPAG campaigns for the Pensioners' Charter, bringing older people's concerns to decision makers. **Next meeting:** 15 July in the Marian Centre (17 June is an outing), Hornsey Parish Church Hall, Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH, on the third Wednesday of each month, from 2.00 pm Contact Ann Anderson 020 8340 8335, Pamela Jefferys 020 8444 0732 and Janet Shapiro 020 8883 9571 janet.rmshapiro@gmail.com.

RETIRED, OR HEADING FOR RETIREMENT?

UNIVERSITY OF 3RD AGE NORTH LONDON can help you on a whole new path of discovery, learning new skills and subjects or teaching your own special skills. 'We believe learning need never stop and should be a pleasure.' Come along to one of their meetings, at St Paul's Church, Long Lane, N3 2PU to find out more, details on the website, visit www.nlu3a.org.uk

MUSWELL HILL TOY LIBRARY

Open Mondays 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm, Thursdays 9.30 am to 12 noon, and Fridays 9.30 am to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 pm Toys, DVDs and music CDs. Children must come with an adult carer! 'Stories and Music' sessions during the Monday and Thursday sessions are FREE to all. 1st Floor - Muswell Hill Library, Queens Ave, N10 3PE.

NORTH LONDON EPILEPSY ACTION is a support group for those with epilepsy or with an interest in epilepsy. The group meets on the third Monday of each month and has lectures, information and social events. For more information, contact Barbara Penney 020 8883 0010 or e-mail barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk

Putting on a show? Got an exhibition coming up? Music group? Book club? Promote it to a wider audience on the MHFGA noticeboard, opposite St James's Church. Contact Ruth Schamroth at ruth_schamroth@yahoo.com

MUSWELL HILL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The club meets every Wednesday at Jacksons Lane Community Centre at 7.45 pm We show and discuss our photographs, and we have guest speakers, competitions, and practical activities. Visit our website, www.muswellhillphoto.org.uk, for more details. We welcome new members. If you would like to join or come along one evening as a guest, please email contact@muswellhillphoto.org.uk.

It's a long time away, but some news on the fireworks event at Alexandra Palace. This will be held on 7 November and capacity has been increased from 40,000 to 50,000. Ticket prices have increased so Adult Standard is £9 and 11--15 years Standard is £6.50, with savings for "early birds". Look at the Palace website for details. www.alexandrapalace.com/

Check all times and dates with the organisers. If you have an event or activity that might be of interest to the Association's members, write to editor@mhfga.org and patriciajlott@aol.com by 15 August.

THE FORMER POLICE STATION



There has been an interesting development since the last Newsletter - the applicant has submitted a revised proposal (HGY/2015/1576). The position appears to be:

- The application remains for 9 units as before (five 2 bed, three 3 bed and one 1 bed).
- There are a couple of minor physical changes which were requested by the Council during the consultation process.
- There remains no parking provision. The argument is that the flats will have a comparable impact on on- street parking to the former police station and that it will not affect the flow of traffic in the relevant streets. They are also relying on the fact that the planning officer's report supported the stance they had taken on this aspect.

Local resident, Eugene Myerson, a retired transport planner and former policy adviser to the Greater London Council, remains adamant in his objection, saying, 'I convinced the (planning) committee that the author of the report's claim that "the use of the building for residential purposes will not exacerbate on-street parking conditions" was demonstrably false. I had support from two sources: a senior Haringey transportation officer who objected to his planning colleague's recommendation on similar grounds to me; and local ward councillor Patrick Berry, who added that the "luxury flats offered no affordable housing nor any off street parking solution in a busy area, and look to largely benefit the property speculator." The prospective developer even had the cheek to indicate on his drawings that three more substantial houses could be built on the former police yard --- for which another application was duly submitted by another developer. I feel so strongly that developers' greed should not go unchallenged.'

Brewing your own beer - in a pub?

While many of us enjoy having a drink in our local pub, it is unusual to actually brew your own beer there. With the recent launch of Mossy Well Brewery run by local Johann Taljaard, this is now a possibility for local residents. Duncan Neil writes, 'I recently had the pleasure of attending the first craft beer course held in the courtyard area of Victoria Stakes, a great local pub at the bottom of Muswell Hill'.

'Johan's passion for making craft beer using fresh grains and hops really shined through during the half day brewing workshop. Not only did I learn about the fascinating process of home brewing, we produced a decent quantity of beer from which I took a small keg home. I left this to ferment for a week before inviting friends and family round for a tasting session. Nervously, I poured my first home-made beer for my guests. Happily everyone was impressed by the taste (apart from my wife who strangely doesn't like beer) and we quickly finished the "barrel".'

Interest in craft beers has boomed recently with more and more pubs stocking a good range of interesting quality ales. This has been matched by renewed interest in home brewing and modern equipment (as used by Johan) makes it easier to produce consistently good beer and experiment with flavours. Johan's ambition is to build a community of local brewing enthusiasts who meet regularly at the Victoria Stakes.

For information about future courses and the club visit www.mossywellbrew.club

WELL WELL WELL

Utility workers found a brick well at the junction of Birchwood Avenue with Fortis Green Road

Michael Hammerson of the Highgate Society wrote, 'The well looks much later in date than Mediaeval to me - 19th century at the earliest - and I have a feeling that its location is known, somewhere in the Exchange Area - the Hornsey Historical Society would know'. The Thames Water excavation containing the well was filled in early in the morning of 1 May, so all we have are the photos!



THE NOTICEBOARD ON THE BROADWAY



After many years, Jack Whitehead and Bill Jago have handed over the job of looking after the Notice Board to our members Ruth Schamroth and Pat Lott. Ruth is in charge of the placing of notices on the Board and keeping it up to date and Pat collects information and reminds regular contributors to supply details of forthcoming events. This is the first time that one person is co-ordinating these two activities. After lengthy discussions with the Council, John Hajdu managed to convince them that the Board would be more visible if it were turned by 90 degrees, which has now been done. Take a look, next time you're passing.



METROPOLITAN POLICE

TOTAL POLICING



Contact Point

You can meet your local police here on:

- **Wednesdays** between 6pm and 8pm.
- **Thursdays** between 6pm and 8pm.
- **Saturdays** between 1pm and 3pm.

At the Contact Point you can:

- Report a crime.
- Obtain crime prevention advice or advice on other police related matters.
- Discuss community concerns.
- Make an appointment to speak to a local officer.
- Make an appointment to give a statement if you would prefer for the police not to visit you at home or your place of work.
- Hand in self-reporting forms for road traffic accidents.
- Report lost property or hand in found property.
- Collect your found items by appointment.

You can report crime online at www.met.police.uk

If you need to speak to the police call **101**.
Always call **999** in an emergency.