

# Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

Incorporating Alexandra Ward

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## Postcard from the Past

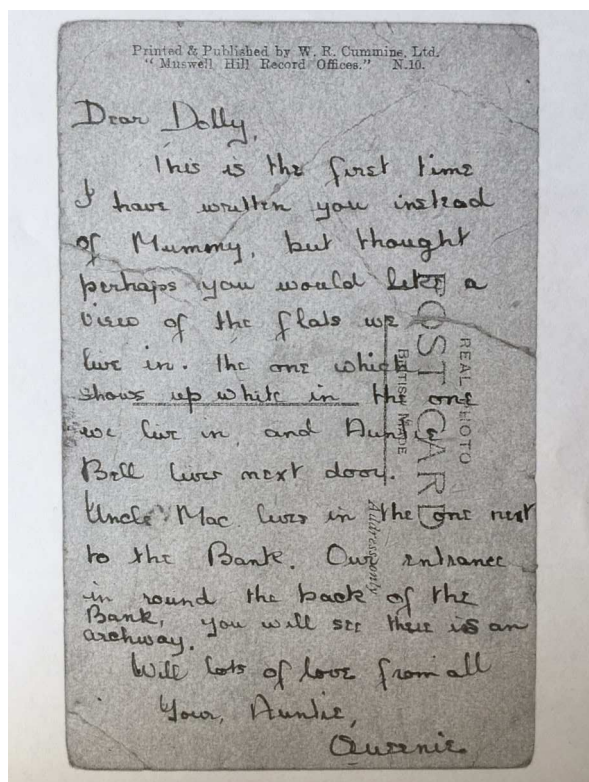
When packing to move to Muswell Hill, Zoe Norfolk's grandfather told her that she had ancestors who lived in Muswell Hill - three great great aunts, one great great great uncle, and one great great grandmother who all lived in Muswell Hill in the 1920s - in three different flats on the Broadway near Barclays Bank. One even ran a men's boarding house adjacent to the bank. This is a copy of the postcard that was sent from Queenie to Dolly in Australia. By looking at the dates, we believe the card to have been posted around 1923.

See page 4 for profile of Zoe

### March/April 2017

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Dear Dolly

This is the first time I have written you instead of Mummy, but thought perhaps you would like a view of the flats we live in. The one that shows up white is the one we live in and Auntie Beth lives next door. Uncle Mac lives in the one next to the Bank. Our entrance is round the back of the Bank. You will see there is an archway.

With lots of love from all

Your Auntie,  
Queenie

If you love us, you have to 'like' us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MuswellHillandFortisGreenAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/MuswellHillandFortisGreenAssociation)

Visit us on Twitter for regular updates: @theMHFGA

Follow us on Instagram for beautiful images of Muswell Hill: @mhfga



## Dates for Your Diary

### Members' Meeting

**All our meetings are open to the public and are free of charge**

8.00pm, Thursday 16 March at Flesh & Flour, 162 Fortis Green Road, N10 3DU.

### Lewis Slayden, proprietor of Flesh & Flour

Lewis will talk about the rise in the production of British Charcuterie. Until recently charcuterie was only associated with trips abroad to Italy and Spain. This is slowly beginning to change. Why is this?

The main reason that Britain is hotly becoming a contender is the abundance of high quality meat being produced in the UK using the highest welfare standards, alongside a growing number of skilled people who complete the salting, drying and smoking process.

Lewis will also talk about the different styles of charcuterie available at Flesh & Flour. A buffet selection of cheese, charcuterie, pork pies as well as some cakes, tea and coffee will be available to sample.

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8.00pm, Thursday 13 April at North Bank, Pages Lane, N10 1PP

### Emma Williamson, Haringey Council

Emma will talk on the planning process in general and, in particular, how to object effectively to planning applications both in conservation areas and otherwise. She will also cover what steps can be taken in the event of consent being granted or refused, and the measures available in the event of a breach of planning legislation.

Emma is currently the Assistant Director of Planning at Haringey Council. Before this she worked at the GLA and CLG and for a organisation in Southwark which assisted the local community in getting involved in the planning process. Emma has more than 20 years experience of working in planning and is a longstanding member of the RTP1. She is also a non-practicing Barrister.

The Council are beginning a programme of sessions to assist community groups in getting involved in the planning process, how to best make representations on planning applications and how to make the most of speaking at planning committee.

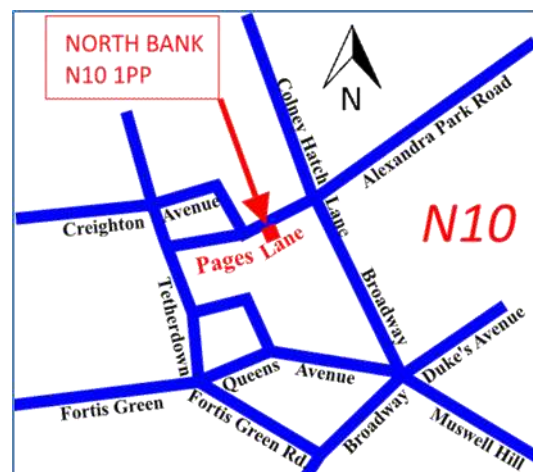
## MHFGA Noticeboard

If you would like to use the MHFGA notice board outside Rymans to advertise your community event, please contact **Pat Lott** (patriciajlott@aol.com). We also list local events on page 7 and on our website.



### ADVANCE NOTICE

**The MHFGA AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th May at the Clissold Arms. A buffet with tea/coffee will be served after the meeting. Members wanting drinks can buy them at the bar.**



Visit our website [www.mhfga.org](http://www.mhfga.org) for lots of information about the local area including old photos and John Hajdu's history of the Association. If you have a photo or news item why not share it with our members on Twitter @theMHFGA or visit [www.twitter.com/theMHFGA](https://www.twitter.com/theMHFGA). We tweet regularly on Association and local news, so please follow and spread the word. And don't forget our Facebook page!

## Gardening at Coldfall Primary School



For the past two years I have been helping in the school allotment on Friday afternoons with year 4 pupils aged 8 and 9 years. This is an ideal age as their energy and enthusiasm is real and they love to ask questions. Getting out of the classroom to get stuck into weeding, turning the soil, planting and harvesting at the end of the week seems a pleasure. The school encourages the pupils to garden as there is not only the regular allotment session but also a drop-in lunchtime session and an after school club for years 1 and 2. A parent, Eva Beresford, is the leading light in these activities and I work with her.

To see the pupils' delight in seeds pushing up through the soil, edible leaves flourishing or the first fruits ripening is heart-warming. Their reactions on finding worms, caterpillars, spiders and centipedes is sometimes surprising – a mixture of curiosity, fear, wonder or even revulsion – and can be a challenge. However, an explanation of the life cycle of an insect or telling them how far worms can go into the soil and their value often helps. The bolder ones will handle the insects that they find and are persuaded to treat them carefully.

Picking the ripe fruit is a favourite activity and even a few strawberries shared with a group of fifteen is a special treat. Sometimes we give them a few herb leaves to take home for their families and at other times the harvest is cooked and shared in the class. Plants are harvested for school fairs and we have grown our own fruit bushes from cuttings for sale too.

The children learn how to co-operate together on the gardening tasks and also have the sciences of biology and botany brought home to them in a practical way. Many of them do not have a garden and have only a rudimentary understanding to begin with of how plants grow and where their food comes from. It is a pleasure to work with them and see their growing understanding of nature and our environment.

*Lucy Roots*

## Rhodes Avenue Primary School - where community matters

Rhodes Avenue is a very special school where our children are at the heart of all we do. We aim to instil a love of learning in all our children and, with it, the confidence to take risks and develop ownership of their learning.

Our school benefits from so many advantages, none more so than its own unique young people. We are a centre of high aspirations, promoting excellence and supporting ambition and optimism, both in the present and also for the future.

As a school, we embrace our pivotal role in the community we serve, and acknowledge the importance of contributing to the wider community. Both individually and collectively, we understand our role and consequent responsibilities as citizens, not only of Rhodes Avenue, but also of our local community, and of communities beyond – both physical and virtual.

We hope that by working with our community we are able to enrich the lives of all. We work with members of our local area in many different ways. We hold school events, jumble sales and fairs throughout the year and our school facilities can be hired for parties, celebrations or classes. We hope that the pupils at Rhodes are able to enrich the community through its fundraising, musical talents or by supporting the development and care of local land.

We also hope our community can support the children's learning. If you have a special talent or skill you feel our pupils would be interested in, please do feel free to contact the school. We are always searching for keen gardeners to provide us with seedlings for our vegetable areas, or wildlife experts to support the development of our woodland area. The children also study our local area's history and geography; if you have a story to tell we'd love to hear from you.

### Future events

Spring Fair	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Jumble Sale	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer Fun Day	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July

To contact the school please email [admin@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@rhodes.haringey.sch.uk)

*Adrian Hall, Headteacher*





## Member in Profile - Zoe Norfolk

Zoe is one of our newest committee members and manages our Facebook and Instagram pages. Here she shares her story.....

I moved to Muswell Hill in 1994 renting my first flat above The Broadway Hair stylist. I fell in love with the place after getting off the 43 bus from Islington. I hadn't even been inside the flat and decided I just had to live here. One of the biggest draws for me was having a cinema on my doorstep.

I settled permanently in Muswell Hill in 1997 in another flat on The Broadway where I still live with my teenage son and run my photography business.

I have been a photographer, or worked in the photographic industry, since leaving Staffordshire University with an honours degree in 1991. I had a stint working as a photographer abroad on cruise ships after university. Back then it was a great opportunity to travel.

On return I became photo assistant and archive manager to Linda and Paul McCartney, whilst continually developing my own work. I started doing photography full time around the time my son was born. So life was very busy!

I feel blessed to have a career in something I love and which also takes me to amazing places. A recent highlight has been photographing the Cabinet at Downing Street for their annual portrait and taking portraits of the Prime Minister in her office in the Commons. I also post pictures daily on my Instagram account @zoenorfolk and for the association @mhfga. My website is [www.zoenorfolk.com](http://www.zoenorfolk.com) if you would like to see some of my work.

When I'm not working, I love trawling antique fairs and charity shops with my partner Phil. Spending time on my allotment in Alexandra Palace, or watching a film at the Everyman which I am lucky enough to have membership of, I really enjoy the new lease of life they have given to our cinema.

I'm looking forward to rolling out our summer promotion "Odd One Out" in conjunction with our corporate members. We did this in Rye, the town where I grew up, and it was great fun for children, so I am hoping, if successful, we can do it annually. It will run for a month and the shops taking part will put a strange object into their window, which children will then have to spot. (More details in our next newsletter.)

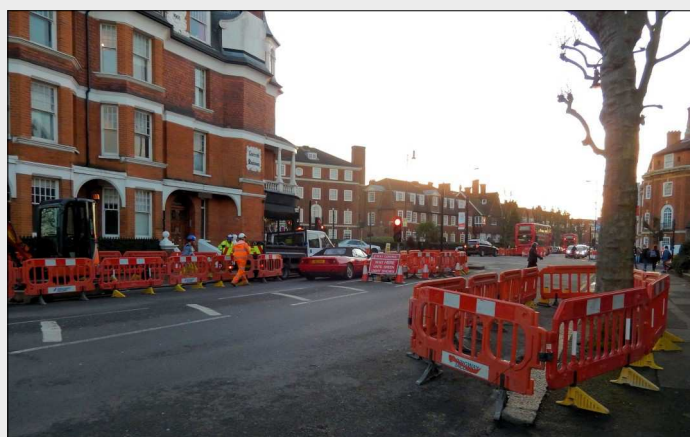


## Traffic News

### New pedestrian crossing

The MHFGA has long campaigned about safety for pedestrians crossing the road by the junction of Fortis Green and Tetherdown. Improvements are at last being made, scheduled for completion on 10<sup>th</sup> March. There is now to be an exclusive pedestrian phase at the lights.

This is particularly important for those crossing Fortis Green where, before the change, there was no period when it was possible to cross the road without danger from passing vehicles. The exclusive pedestrian phase will enable the removal of the staggered crossing over Fortis Green Road and people will be able to cross the road in one movement. Associated with the work is the installation of double yellow lines along the south side of Fortis Green to prevent buses being stuck here between parked cars and vehicles waiting for the lights.



### Bald Faced Stag lights

Some good news from London Borough of Barnet Highways Department about the traffic lights at the Bald Faced Stag, although it appears not before 2018/19:

'The traffic modelling undertaken for the A1000 / East End Road / Fortis Green junction suggests that introducing a right turn indicative arrow to allow traffic to turn from the A1000 High Road (south) into A504 Fortis Green after southbound traffic has stopped, would provide benefits to junction operation in the afternoon peak period, although there would be disbenefits for traffic on some arms of the junction.

'Subject to anticipated funding being approved we expect to develop a detailed design that includes this change (and other adjustments) next financial year [i.e. April 2017 - March 2018]. Implementation would be likely the following financial year.'

Chris Barker

## Ben King – the new landlord of The John Baird



Lover of fine wines, fancy shoes and malt whiskies, my joy would be walking in the highlands of Scotland and enjoying every moment with a wee dram of whisky!

I recently moved to Muswell Hill from East London but I was born and bred in Hertford where I started my pub career. What I like so far is the village atmosphere of Muswell Hill and that is what I love about running pubs. The John Baird is very similar to my first pub experience at the Old Barge in Hertford and this is so exciting.

During my ten years of exploring the pub trade I have experience from Wetherspoon's, great locals, late night venues and an East End boozier. The joy of the pub game is meeting 'the people' and discovering new things from them. I learn something new every day.

My objective for the John Baird is to be a 'Hub of the Community' but not forgetting the simple joys of pub atmosphere, great service, drinks and good times. I will re-introduce the weekly quiz and regular Ale Festivals and would like to introduce

tasting nights working with local vendors and bringing us together. During the summer I wish to organise an annual festival in the garden with local acts, arts and crafts, so please do get in touch if you would like to be part of anything at the pub.

I will always try to be on the bar as much as I can but I have great staff who can look after you. Please pop in to say hello and if you want me to help or have an idea I am a great listener which comes with the job. You can call me on 0208 444 8830 or email [bklois@gmail.com](mailto:bklois@gmail.com).

**BLACK ORCHID THAI**

**At the John Baird**

*Monday to Thursday  
for MHFGA Members*

*Muswell Hill's 'Best  
Thai Restaurant'*

**20% Off your  
main meal**

Please Bring this ad for your  
20% discount. Not to be used  
with any other offers and 1  
voucher per customer.

**Tel: 020 8815 9724**  
Expiration Date: 30/4/17

The John Baird  
122 Fortis Green Road  
N10 3BN  
0208 444 8830

## Freehold Community Men's Shed

A Men's Shed is a larger version of the typical man's shed in the garden - a place where he feels at home and pursues practical interests with a high degree of autonomy. A Men's Shed offers this to a group of such men where members share the skills and resources they need to work on projects of their own choosing at their own pace and in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue. They are places of skill-sharing and informal learning, of individual pursuits and community projects, of purpose, achievement and social interaction. A place of leisure where men come together to work. A Shed's activities can involve making or mending in wood (e.g. carpentry, joinery, turning, carving, whittling, marquetry, furniture renovation) and may include activities as varied as bike repair, gardening, vehicle repair, tool renovation, upholstery, boat renovation, model engineering, milling, turning in plastics, etc. Reclamation, reuse and restoration will feature strongly - and some say that is true of the men too! Whatever activities are pursued the essence of a Men's Shed is not a building, which some don't have, but the network of relationships between the members.



### Aims and objectives of the Freehold Community Men's Shed

The Freehold Community Men's Shed is open on Mondays and Tuesdays between 10.30am and 3.30pm at the Freehold Community Centre, 9 Alexandra Road, N10 2EY. The primary focus of the Shed will be to provide a place where men can meet to socialise and share their experiences and skills with each other. Any activities will be based on what members want to do, but with the purpose of supporting each other, the work of the Freehold Community Association and the community at large. Using members' interests, skills and enthusiasm, the Shed will support the Reclaiming, Reviving and Recycling of skills, materials and items for the benefit of the Shed, the Freehold Community Centre and the wider community. The Shed and its members will support the UK Men's Shed Association and its work to promote the Men's Shed Movement throughout the UK.

### Organisation

The Freehold Community Men's Shed is a community project promoted and sponsored by the Freehold Community Association, a registered charity, and the administration of the Shed will be carried out by the Trustees of the Association under its constitution. Visit our website [www.freeholdcommunityshed.org.uk](http://www.freeholdcommunityshed.org.uk) or call me on 07935 324578

Chris Faulkner

## How you can help to support the MHFGA

We are always very grateful to receive donations from our members, either of time or money. If you would like to support a specific project, for example plants or flowers, please do specify this when making your donation.

We wish to encourage active involvement from all members of the Association. We are seeking nominations from MHFGA members to join our Committee and help with Press & PR, organising meetings and talks, planning, architecture and environment, as well as 'posties' to deliver our Newsletter. All members of the MHFGA are eligible to join our Committee. Please contact Alex Vincenti, our Membership Secretary, if you can help us in any way.

## Smart Meters

Thames Water (TW) is rolling out smart water meters in London and telling customers that this is mandatory.

On further investigation it turns out to be a rather grey area, with the Government telling the public that they will never make metering mandatory even in an area designated under water stress. TW are saying that as this area has been designated under water stress, they have the power under the Water Industry Act 1991 S162 to force us to have smart meters.

However, the Act only talks about 'meters' not 'smart meters', hence smart meters are not covered by the Act. Smart meters are different from analogue meters in that they will read and collect customer data on their water usage in real time and relay it to TW. Computer modellers will be able to tell who is in the house, and when and what their habits are. It would be possible to hack in to the meter, which is a security risk and we have a right to privacy inside our own homes.

The calculations on the Thames Valley being an area of severe water stress are questionable and need to be challenged. For over 10 years there has been a plan to bring water to London from the Severn that TW seem not keen on. This would easily cover the calculated shortfall. Less than 1% of the UK rainfall is collected for human consumption so it seems that TW have manufactured an apparent shortage and are keener on spending billions on smart meters rather than infrastructure.

The German utility industry has stated that there is no business case for smart meters. They are about data collection and surveillance.

You have a right to refuse them on the grounds of no consultation being offered and not consenting to having your private data collected.

Useful web sites for information:

[www.stopsmartmeters.org.uk](http://www.stopsmartmeters.org.uk)

<https://stopsmartmetersharingey.wordpress.com/helpus/>

*Sarah Purdy, N2*

We have been asked why we profile new corporate members in the Newsletter. The MHFGA supports local businesses and organisations and tries to encourage members to shop locally and attend local events. We hope that the information we give is helpful to all our members.

## Kyriakos George Karageorgis



Kyriakos George Karageorgis, most often called George, sadly passed away Saturday 7th January 2017 at the age of 57.

George was born in London on 16th February 1959, the son of Maro and George Karageorgis from the village of Lefkoniko in Cyprus. His father was one of the

founders of the famous Greek restaurant Elysee in London's West End. George attended Highgate High School and went on to graduate from Hull University with a degree in Economics.

He then joined the family business but soon after opened his own restaurant, the T-Bone Steak House in Barking, which he ran for 17 years. In 2009 he became the owner of the Clissold Arms Gastro pub in Fortis Green, Muswell Hill. George, who was well known for his charismatic character, built the Clissold Arms into a hub of the North London Community where local societies and charities would hold their meetings and events. It was named Best Family Pub in London and the South East in 2014-2015 and 2015-16. He also raised funds for his favourite charities Mind and MacMillan Nurses.

The Clissold Arms is also the home of The Kinks, having hosted their first gig in December 1960, and their last gig in June 1996. In their honour, The Clissold Arms Kinks Room is adorned with Kinks memorabilia and is the pride of Kinks fans all over the world.

He leaves behind his beloved parents Maro and George; his two children, Victoria and George; their mother Tracy; two sisters, Nevi and Rea; and many relatives and friends.

George was a loyal and huge supporter of MHFGA and many meetings and events were held in The Clissold where George was in attendance all the time. He was very proud to be a member!

*Joan Podel*

## Parkland Walk

If you've become frustrated with the littering on the Parkland Walk, why not offer to be a Parkland Walk Litter Marshal? We'll provide all the equipment including a Parkland Walk tabard. There are no targets and no pressure - you just do it when it suits you. A great way to show the love, and if you're based near Muswell Hill, please contact us and one of us will arrange to meet up.

We will be working closely with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) over the first 2 weeks of March to establish a wood chip path around the Nature Trail site. We will secure a raised path perimeter made from suitable limbs felled from trees and fill the space with wood chip. We will also be creating a number of 'dead hedges' to establish a boundary with the main Parkland Walk Path. TCV and their Biodiversity Action Teams are practised at handling more structural tasks associated with sites like ours, so if that work appeals to you do drop in and give the team a hand.

*For contact details and other events organised by the Friends of the Parkland Walk, please see page 7.*



## ST JAMES CHURCH

Community Cafe - **Tuesdays**, 11.00am-1.00pm. Free coffee, cake and conversation. Venue: through the main doors, just turn up. **Wednesdays** 2.30-3.30pm -Tea Time for seniors in the Muswell Hill area. Tea, sandwiches and entertainment. Contact: [gebrazier@gmail.com](mailto:gebrazier@gmail.com) 020 8883 6453. Venue: St James Centre.

**Mondays & Saturdays** - Free legal advice walk- in service from 10.00am-12 noon. Venue: St James Church, contact: [anything.legal@dial.pipex.com](mailto:anything.legal@dial.pipex.com).

THE FREEHOLD COMMUNITY CENTRE is managed by the Freehold Community Association, a registered charity, and is entirely self-funded and run by volunteers.

**Mondays** - Freehold Community Men's Shed -10.30am-3.30pm. Showstoppers Performing Arts - 5-7pm. Yoga - 7-8pm. **Tuesdays** - Freehold Community Men's Shed - 10.30am-3.30pm. Showstoppers Performing Arts - 4.30-7pm.

**Wednesdays** - Pensioners Lunch Club - 12.30-2pm. Pensioners Bingo - 2-4pm. North London Woodturners - 7.30-10pm (**3rd Wednesday of month**). **Thursdays** - Open Shed - 10.30 to 3.30pm. Open Bingo - 7.30-10pm. **Fridays** - Baby Rhyme Time - 9.45-11am. **Saturdays** - Showstoppers Performing Arts - 10am-4.30pm. Shree Depala - 7.30-10pm. **Sundays** - Yoga - 10-11am.

Contact details: 07935-324578, freehold2003@gmail.com. Freehold Community Centre, 9 Alexandra Road, Muswell Hill, N10 2EY.

THE CLISSOLD ARMS, 105 Fortis Green, N2 9HR.

**New kitchen and opening times**

We are now only open for lunch on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays although we are open for community events, children's groups and coffee mornings from 9am as usual. The kitchen can also be open by advance request for private meetings and functions. Please look on our website for full details. [www.clissoldarms.co.uk](http://www.clissoldarms.co.uk)

## FRIENDS OF PARKLAND WALK

**Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th March**. National Keep Britain Tidy Litter Campaign Weekend. We'll be putting on a litter pick session on one of the weekend days and you can join us, but if you have areas near you that need clearing why not get a team of neighbours together and organise your own event. Go to the Keep Britain Tidy website to register.

**Monday 6th - Thursday 9th March 10.00 - 3.00** Wildlife Trail path and dead hedging with TCV and BAT teams

**Monday 13th and - Tuesday 14th March 10.00-3.00** Wildlife Trail path and dead hedging with TCV and BAT teams.

[info@parkland-walk.org.uk](mailto:info@parkland-walk.org.uk).

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 the month** and has lectures, information and social events. For more information, contact Barbara Penney 020 8883 0010 or e-mail [barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk)

## POPCHOIR MUSWELL HILL

**Wednesday evenings** from 8-9.30pm at the Royal British Legion in Muswell Hill Rd. Singing everything from ABBA to Muse, Lady Gaga to Take That and Olly Murs. No experience, no auditions, no need to read music. Book a free taster session at [www.popchoir.com](http://www.popchoir.com) or email [info@popchoir.com](mailto:info@popchoir.com). 020 8659 5464.

## MUSWELL HILL AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Contact Jenny Kruss - [jenny\\_starick@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenny_starick@hotmail.co.uk) or 020 8442 0031.

## FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

Visit our new website [www.fqw.org.uk](http://www.fqw.org.uk).

AGM **Thursday March 23rd** 7.30 pm at the Lodge Cafe.

"Where have all the hedgehogs gone? Are there still any in Queen's Wood?" Talk by Dr. Chris Carborne of the Zoological Society of London.

Working parties **last Sunday of month**. 10.30-12 meet outside Café in Queen's Wood. Please bring gloves and mobile phone if available.

Monday Litter picking. Please contact Gemma Harris if you are free to help her do litter picking on a **Monday morning**. [harrisgemma67@gmail.com](mailto:harrisgemma67@gmail.com) or 07806 870505.

Great British Spring Clean **Sunday March 5th** 10-11am in Queen's Wood. Meet Gemma at the lodge cafe.

## HORNSEY PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP

We meet to discuss local and national issues with visiting speakers on the **third Wednesday of the month**.

Our meetings are held in the main church hall of Hornsey Parish Church, Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH.

Contact Ann Anderson (020 8340 8335), Pamela Jefferys (020 8444 0732), Janet Shapiro (020 8883 9571) or

[www.hornseypensionersactiongroup.org.uk](http://www.hornseypensionersactiongroup.org.uk).

## FRIENDS OF COLDFAH WOOD AND MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELD

[www.coldfallwoods.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.coldfallwoods.co.uk/whats-on) Thanks to Coldfall Primary School for hosting our meetings at 7.30 pm on the **first Tuesday of each month**.

## CROUCH END FESTIVAL CHORUS

**1 April**, St John's Smith Square: Bach *St John Passion*, sung in English.

[www.cefc.org.uk](http://www.cefc.org.uk).

## MUSWELL HILL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The club meets every **Wednesday** at Jacksons Lane Community Centre at 7.45pm. We show and discuss our photographs, and we have guest speakers, competitions, and practical activities. Visit our website

[www.muswellhillphoto.org.uk](http://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](mailto:contact@muswellhillphoto.org.uk).

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE NORTH LONDON for the retired or those heading for retirement. For details of the many activities on offer, please visit [www.nlu3a.org.uk](http://www.nlu3a.org.uk).

## WEA, MUSWELL HILL

New Art History course: "The Beauty of Materials - Japanese Crafts & Design". Tutor: Kiyoko Mitsuyama-Wdowiak.

**Thursdays 2.00-4.00, 7 weeks starting 27th April** at North Bank, Muswell Hill Methodist Church, 28 Pages Lane, N10 1PP.

For details and fees see [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk) or ring 020 8883 1483.

*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](mailto:editor@mhfga.org) and [patriciajlott@aol.com](mailto:patriciajlott@aol.com) by 12th April 2017.*

**Copy date for May/June edition of this Newsletter**

If you would like to submit an article, letter or diary date for our next edition, please send your copy to [editor@mhfga.org](mailto:editor@mhfga.org) by Wednesday 12th April 2017.

## Alex's Corner

### Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new members: Marvin Mohn and Ruth Galagut of Firs Avenue; Joseph Ferraro of Fordington Road; Ruth Edwards of St James's Lane; Amanda Weston of Southern Road; Zubier Yazdani of Creighton Avenue; and Klodian Gica, Internet Express (UK) Ltd.

### Newsletters

Our Newsletter is sent to members either by email or on paper, by hand and by post. From a quick survey, the great majority appear satisfied with the way they get their issues, though in some cases we have been asked to change email for paper and vice versa. Would you too prefer receiving the Newsletter in a different way? For this or any other membership question, drop me a line at [membership@mhfga.org](mailto:membership@mhfga.org).

### Thank you...

... to John Sparrow for his recent generous donation to the MHFGA.

*Alex Vincenti*

### Corporate Members

Forty local businesses and organisations support the Association. You can find the links to their websites on our Corporate page at [www.mhfga.org](http://www.mhfga.org).

1104 Architects, Barkers for Dogs, Bill's Restaurant, Clissold Arms, Clarke & Parker Fishmongers, Crouch End Festival Chorus, Duo-Klier, Elsa, Everyman Cinema, Excel English Language School, Feast, Flesh & Flour, Fortismere School, House of Nails, Internet Express (UK) Ltd, Knidos Café Brasserie, La Dinette, Mossy Hill, Muddy Boots, Muswell Hill Bowling Club, Muswell Hill Toy Library, Muswell Hill United Reformed Church, Norfolk House School, North & Ten, Planet Organic, Poppy Rose, Pret A Vivre, Rhodes Avenue Primary School, Robert Linsky Optometrist, Robin Kiashek Osteopathic Clinics, St. James Church Muswell Hill, The John Baird, The Mossy Well, Tim Moss Furniture, Toffs of Muswell Hill, Topps Tiles Boutique, Victory Auto Services, WAVE, Woodland Tree Surgery and Yien Chinese Restaurant.

**Please let us know if you have changed your e-mail address so that you continue to receive the Newsletter if this is your preferred method.**