

Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

Incorporating Alexandra Ward

Founded in 1948

Midsummer Muswell



John Hajdu, actor Nitin Ganatra, local MP Catherine West and one of the organisers Peter Thompson

The weather was kind to the Midsummer Muswell festival on June 24th this year. This annual event is organised by Muswelllife, a social business community group that promotes and supports all that adds to the unique character and quality of life in Muswell Hill for everyone who lives and works here.

This year there was added kudos for MHFGA as John Hajdu, our Chairman, was awarded the Local Gem Award. Mel Pretorius, on behalf of Friends of St James Square, writes of John:

"In our community, there are people every day who go above and beyond and may not get any sort of recognition. We are proud to salute these unsung heroes! Heroes don't leap tall buildings or stop bullets with an outstretched hand; they don't wear boots and capes. They bleed, and they bruise, and their superpowers are as simple as listening, or loving their community. Heroes are ordinary people who know that even if their own lives are impossibly knotted, they can untangle someone else's. And maybe that one act could lead someone to rescue you right back".

You can see who else won a Local Gem award on at www.muswelllife.com/local-gems/.

John has lived in Muswell Hill for 43 years and has been married for 45. He has a son and a daughter and four grandchildren. He has been chair of the Muswell Hill and Fortis

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Green Association for 17 years and was vice- chair of the North London University of 3rd Age. He was chair of the Metropolitan Police Fortis Green Safer Neighbourhood panel for ten years and was a magistrate for 15 years. John was named Haringey Hero by Haringey Council in July 2016.

He has written two books: the history of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association and his life story, entitled Life in Two Countries, which is available on the web.



If you love us, you have to 'like' us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MuswellHillandFortisGreenAssociation

Visit us on Twitter for regular updates: @theMHFGA

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

Visit our website: www.mhfga.org



Dates for Your Diary

Members' Meetings

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

Thursday 5th October, 2.30pm
Tour of Alexandra Palace Theatre

Thursday 9th November, 7.45pm
Visit to Majestic Wine

Please contact John Hajdu to book a place at either event

How you can help to support the MHFGA

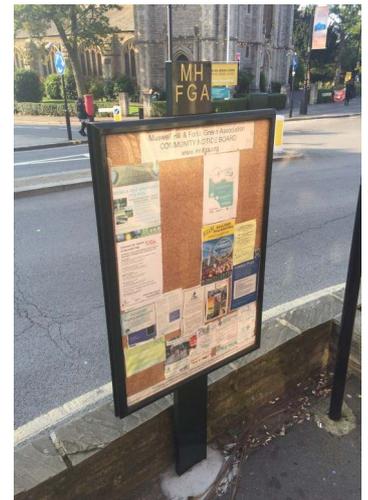
We are always very grateful to receive donations from our members, either of time or money. If you would like to support a specific project, for example plants or flowers, please do specify this when making your donation. Perhaps you might like to consider leaving a legacy to MHFGA? All the work that we do is to preserve and enhance our local environment.



MHFGA Noticeboard

If you would like to use the MHFGA notice board near Sainsbury's on the roundabout to advertise your community event, please contact **Pat Lott** (patriciajlott@aol.com). The Board can be used by any group or association who have regular local events and wish to publicise what they do. There is no charge for displaying this material.

We also list local events on page 7 and on our website.



George Danker and Christine Morris attempt to recruit a young member at the MHFGA stall at Midsummer Muswell!

Visit our website 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. We tweet regularly on Association and local news, so please follow and spread the word. And don't forget our Facebook page!

Member in Profile

Susan Rosenberg

Muswell Hill/East Finchley has been home for 24 years. The area is beautiful, with trees and gardens and public open space. I love being on a hill with views, and walking to the varied local shops. My kids learned to ride their bikes in Cherry Tree Wood, my husband enjoys the run from home through Highgate Wood, and sometimes even on to the Heath. As an immigrant to the UK, the diversity of the area has been great, I've found friends locally, many from the UK but others from all over of the world, and this has enriched my life. It is a warm and embracing community.



I've also been fortunate to work locally. I'm an artist, I studied Fine Art in South Africa, where I grew up, followed by an MA in Printmaking and Drawing in the USA under the auspices of the Fulbright programme. For a few years in the mid-90s I rented a space where I could paint in an old building on Colney Hatch Lane. However, I was the only artist in the building, and shortly after the Chocolate Factory in Wood Green opened, I found a studio there. That was almost 19 years ago, and I've worked there ever since. Initially it was rather rundown and a bit creepy at night, but over the years as more artists of all descriptions moved into the building, the environment improved. I have a community of friends at home and a second vibrant community at work. I've enjoyed the buzz, and the collaboration and the gossip with painters, illustrators, designers, potters, sculptors, jewellers, film-makers, musicians, some famous, some just starting out.

I use many techniques to create my art pieces, combining traditional paint and pastel with LED light, and digital imagery. New technology leads me to new ways of thinking and seeing, but cannot replace the pleasure I derive from working with paint. I love colour and I want my work to convey beauty, power, joy and exhilaration. I have exhibited regularly over the years, often at the Millinery Works Gallery in Islington, as well as internationally. I've always participated in the annual Open Studios event at the Chocolate Factory in Wood Green, just a few minutes' drive, or a bus ride from Muswell Hill. This popular event attracts thousands of people over three days to the many open studios. Sadly, the next one in September may be my last event in this studio. The lease on Chocolate Factory 1 is coming to an end in the next year or so, and the historic old building is being redeveloped. This particular creative hub will be no more. So come and visit and see my paintings, drawings and new light pieces, and the work of many other artists, on **Friday 22nd September 6 – 9pm, or Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September from 12 – 6pm.**

Directions at www.n22openstudios.com
OR contact me at www.rosenberg-art.com

New Plans for Waste Disposal

Joyce Rosser, on behalf of Sustainable Haringey, received the following response from Tom Hemming, Client and Contract Manager - Waste and NLWA, regarding the new arrangements for green and bulky waste disposal:

Following the council's agreement to proposals as part of its medium-term savings plan in February 2017, the specific charges related to waste services were formally approved at a Cabinet Member Signing on 30 June. Details are as follows:

- *Garden Waste - £75 per year to receive a standard sized wheelie bin (the same size as a normal household waste bin) that will be collected every week. If residents think they may not be able to accommodate a standard size bin, we can offer other options subject to a site visit. Signing up will be possible from Monday 23rd October 2017 by email, phone or online, or alternatively call in advance to register your interest and Veolia will call back shortly before the 23rd. For the price of 12 months, residents will receive the service until April 2019 and thereafter will need to renew annually before each April. The current garden waste collections from hessian sacks will cease from October 23rd.*
- *Bulky Waste – £25 for up to 4 items of bulky waste and £10 per additional item. The range of items that we can collect will not change from the existing service, but those items that were previously free of charge will now be charged for, and the new rate will also apply to the items that have always attracted a charge (e.g. non-reusable items, black bags). Bulky waste collections will be booked in the same way as currently via the Veolia call centre.*
- *Residual waste and recycling wheelie bins - £30 per bin if a new bin is required due to loss or damage.*

Veolia will administer the waste charges on behalf of the Council, as they currently do for bulky waste. There will be some minor costs, associated with improvements to online customer service facilities, which will be met by the charges.

Residents will still be able to take garden and bulky waste to Reuse and Recycling Centres at no cost. Residents can use any of the Recycling Centres in the North London sub-region. See the NLWA website for more information.

No additional vehicles will be required to deliver the charged garden waste service - garden waste will be collected from opted-in households on the same day as currently, by the same collections operation that collects food waste, which will not change.

Crews will be able to identify collections from simple visible tamper-proof clues as well as on-board vehicle information.

We do not consider fly-tipping to be an inevitable consequence of charging services, however we will of course monitor the impact of all new policies carefully.

We anticipate the changes will have some impact on recycling rates, although this will depend on the rate of sign up to the new garden waste service, whether these customers represent the regular users of the current service, and the extent to which the Recycling Centres are used. In terms of bulky waste, there will be no effect on the recycling rate. Recyclable items like white goods will continue to be separated from other waste whilst items made out of recyclable materials such as wood and metal which are not reusable, are broken up and separated into recyclable components at NLWA's facility in Edmonton.

See Lucy Gaster's letter on next page

Your Letters

The views expressed in members' letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the MHFGA

Dear Editor

Regarding the article about the Parkland Walk in the July/August issue of the Newsletter, where it was stated that the line between Finsbury Park and Alexandra Palace closed in 1970, I should like to point out that the last passenger train from Finsbury Park to Alexandra Palace was in 1954 and last goods train (coal to the Palace) was in 1956.

[Thank you for the correction Peter. It was the link from Finsbury Park to Highgate and East Finchley which remained open to freight traffic until 1964. After freight traffic had ceased, the line continued to be used to transfer empty tube stock between lines. This ceased in 1970 because of the poor condition of some of the intermediate bridges, and the track was lifted in 1972. Ed.]

On another topic, how many local residents can recall the first post-war TV transmission? Resources had been scrambled to televise the Victory Parade on the first Saturday of June 1946, and on the preceding evening staff assembled an ad hoc 2-hour programme to practise the techniques. The programme comprised an announcer, a singer, and a short appropriate drama featuring three characters: a retired French couple billeting a polite but very staunch German soldier. It featured the latter's evening monologues relating his vision of a progressive Europe under German rule. On his final evening he actually knocks, and we hear the couple's only words "come in". He then, disillusioned, announces he has seen the truth – a fitting moral to preamble the morrow's Victory Parade.

How did I happen to see it over 70 years ago? My father paid £100 (an enormous sum in those days) to buy the only available N10 set: the pre-war demonstration model of the Broadway's only wireless and gramophone shop, then situated in St. James's Parade.

Peter Lack

Dear MHFGA

I have been in touch with Ian Kershaw, Commissioning & Client Manager (Community Safety, Enforcement and Waste), who has been most helpful in answering my queries about green (garden) waste collection.

The information currently on the website (and in the leaflet that came through the door) is not quite right. I have found out that if you have a small garden you can opt for the continuation of the hessian sacks for £55 p.a. but if you opt in before the scheme starts, your first subscription lasts for 18 months (not 12 as stated). Also there is no assessment unless requested (e.g. if one has an awkward front garden). Or you can ask for a small bin for the same price. To get this organised, you need to write to Veolia Enquiries (enquiries.haringey@veolia.com), stating that you have a small garden and cannot accommodate the large bins.

You can also, as it says in the leaflet, opt for no paid collection (bin or sacks) and use the Special Collections method instead, also for a fee. Unfortunately it looks as if green waste collected through that method won't be added to their great compost heap because it's in with all the other things collected at the same time. I suppose you could take the waste to the Council recycling centres (if you have a vehicle), but there is the pollution aspect of that.

Another thought. We already share our kind neighbours' bin for non-recyclable waste. For those with big enough front gardens, how about sharing the large green bin? Or again, if people have space in their gardens, now may be the time to start their own compost heap!

Lucy Gaster

Muswell Hill Post Office is changing

For more information and the opportunity to share your views, follow this link:

<https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/branchlocator.php...>

A local consultation is running until 13th September the changes will take place in November

Muswell Hill Library news

In Summer 2016, Haringey Council organised a public consultation on the future of Muswell Hill Library. They listed only two possible options; either the library would stay as it is, with no future budget for minor improvement works, such as a lift and accessible toilets; or Haringey could move the service entirely, to an empty site on the ground floor of the Pinnacle building at the top of Muswell Hill.

The council's preferred option was the latter, as it would allow the 'disposal' of the existing Grade II listed building, and many thousands of council leaflets were sent round to local households explaining why their preferred option, to sell off the library building, would be beneficial. However, the result of the consultation itself was a resounding 'No', with 71% of respondents opposed to the council's plans. Consequently, last November, Haringey Council resolved to undertake a wider analysis of all the options available regarding the future of both the existing library building and the empty Pinnacle site - which is not visible from the Broadway, has little access to natural light and may not be suitable for disabled users due to its location at the very top of a steep hill.

This latest 'Options Report' has now been drafted and was due to be released at the end of July. Unfortunately any public version of this document will be subject to redactions due to 'commercial confidentiality'. However, due to reasons that are still unclear, the publication has now been delayed until at least September 2017. Haringey Council have claimed that they are to seek input from local Councillors before publication - interested readers are advised to contact their ward Councillors for further information, or to join the Friends of Muswell Hill Library, by emailing friends.muswell@gmail.com

George Danker, Publicity/PR Officer

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

Snappy Snaps

I'm delighted to be joining the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association. I am the franchise owner of Snappy Snaps on the Broadway and have been serving the lovely people of Muswell Hill for almost 15 years. Over the years I've seen quite a lot of changes, not just within my own industry but also on the high street, but I'm pleased to say we've adapted well to these changes and are still going strong. The evolution of digital and especially the mobile phone camera means that people are now taking more photographs than ever and, whereas our main business in the past was solely printing these photos, more things are being done with these images as we now offer a multitude of personalised photo products and services.

Peter Kyriacou

408 Muswell Hill Broadway
020 8444 1133

www.snappysnaps-muswellhill.co.uk



If you go down to the Mews today.....



Avenue Mews is one of Muswell Hill's best kept secrets. Situated behind the High Street in the heart of Muswell Hill, you could easily miss this little atmospheric side street. Take a detour from the library down the Mews and you will find a host of independent businesses and artists' studios. There are 2 vintage shops and a gift shop that are open to the public on Saturdays 11am- 5pm, all well worth a visit! Avenue Mews also hosts its annual street party this year on Saturday 9th September from 7pm -11pm where there will be street food, open air cinema, vintage shopping, craft beer and live music... what more could you want!

Lavender White

Having previously worked in buying for John Lewis I left the 9-5 world after the birth of my second child. I started making tags and cards at for friends and family and then later selling them online.

Over the years Lavender White has developed into something a bit bigger. We still sell online but

for the last year we have had our shop in the creative community in Avenue Mews.

Paradoxically I now have a lot less time to make my own stock but we have cards, prints and ceramics by local designers from the area some of which are made right here in the Mews. We also have lots of gifts and finishing touches for your home which we have carefully selected from small British designers and design-led companies. Our most popular range at the moment is our bath and body and hand-poured candles from lifestyle brand Plum and Ashby, all made in the UK from natural ingredients and essential oils.

Helen Winstanley

Can't Buy Me Love

Although 'Can't Buy Me Love Vintage' shop has been open on the Mews since 2011, the business actually began life as a pop up vintage market at the Boogaloo in Highgate.

I was given the opportunity to take on the Mews shop back in 2011, and quickly teamed up with my father to open a shop using the same name as my vintage market. The shop, which only opens on Saturdays, stocks vintage clothing, curios and homewares from the 50s, 60s and 70s. It also features a small selection of unusual homemade/retro items.

My dad and I have a combined love of vintage spanning many decades. A passion for mid-century design, fashion, popular and underground culture has been a part of both of our lives for many years. I also run the Earl Haig Jumble Sale in Crouch End and previously organised several other pop-up markets in Muswell Hill.

Jet Payne

Cha Cha Cha

Cha Cha Cha is home to all things vintage, retro and ethically sourced, selling clothing, homeware and vinyl from our quirky little shop for over a decade. We are passionate about what we sell and each item has been carefully hand-picked.

You can visit the shop on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday 11am - 5pm. Cha Cha Cha is a great place to meet local like-minded people and can be quite a social hub on a Saturday! We also supply props and wardrobe for film and theatre and hire out the space as a studio and location.

Ruth and Megan

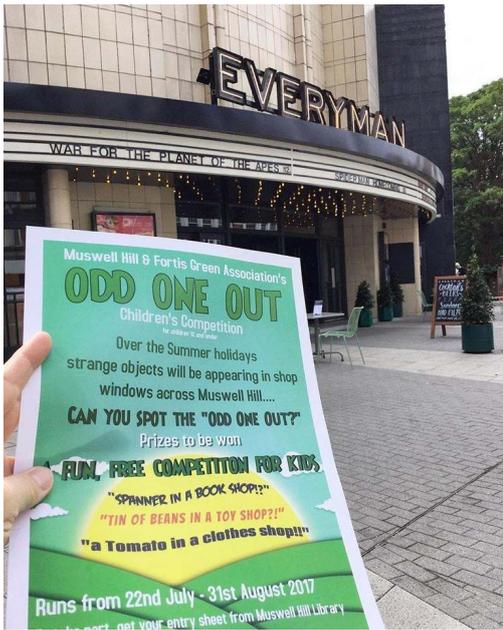
Odd One Out

A lot of hard work went into organising the Odd One Out competition for local children.

The idea came from committee member Zoe Norfolk who drove the undertaking forward with great zest and persuaded 30 shops to take part in the fun. With the much-appreciated support of MHFGA member, Kay Carter, 10 schools and 6 places of worship were contacted. They in turn sent out details to their pupils/congregations.

Prize-winners will be notified by email or phone.

A full report will be in the next Newsletter.



Alex's Corner

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The new subscription year started on the 1st May. If you paid for a single year and have not yet renewed, **it's time to do it now**. To renew, you can pay by debit or credit card or select other forms of payment at www.mhfga.org and click Become a Member.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the Association: it helps us budget our projects more effectively and simplifies our administration. See the Become a Member website page for all details or complete the membership form in this Newsletter. If you need help, email me, Alex, at membership@mhfga.org.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to our new members:

Christine Fritsch, Burlington Road;
Sam Hall, Springfield Avenue; Inge Connor, Leaside Avenue; Michael Quinn, Hamptons International; Sara Hammond, Cosi Homewares; Walter Purkis, Walter Purkis & Sons; Sanchita Basu De Sarkar, Children's Bookshop; Helen Winstanley, Lavender White; Viktor Novak,

Muswell Hill Bikes; Chris Ostwald, Really British; Courtney Fuhr & Joanna Michaels, Sorbet Muswell Hill; Sue Colver, Sally Bourne Interiors; Dipak Metha, Broadway Pharmacy; Mark Whittlestone, Feet; Jet-Marie Payne, Can't Buy Me Love; Christine Farrell, Pembroke Road; Anastasia Harrison, Grove Avenue.

We should like to thank Amanda Davidson and Margaret Brearley for their generous donations to the Association.

Corporate Members

Sixty-seven local businesses and organisations support the Association. You can find the links to their websites on our Corporate page at www.mhfga.org.

1104 Architects
Angela Rose
Barkers for Dogs
Bill's Restaurant
Bob's Café
Broadway Pet Stores
Broadway Pharmacy
Can't Buy Me Love
Cha Cha Cha
Children's Bookshop
Clissold Arms
Clarke & Parker Fishmongers
Cosi Homewares
Crouch End Festival Chorus
Duo-Klier
East Finchley Open Artists
Everyman Cinema
Excel English Language School

Fagins Toys
Feast
Feet
Flesh & Flour
Fortismere School
Freehold Community Association
Hamptons International
House of Nails
Internet Express (UK) Ltd
Keats Estate Agents
La Dinette
Lavendar White
Mailboxes Etc
Mossy Hill
Muddy Boots
Muswell Hill Bikes
Muswell Hill Bookshop
Muswell Hill Bowling Club

Muswell Hill Methodist Church
Muswell Hill Pharmacy
Muswell Hill Toy Library
Muswell Hill United Reformed Church
Norfolk House School
North & Ten
Panoptica
Planet Organic
Pret A Vivre
Principia Brand Consultants
Really British
Rhodes Avenue Primary School
Robert Linsky Optometrist
Robin Kiashek Osteopathic Clinics
Sally Bourne Interiors
Snappy Snaps

Sorbet Muswell Hill
St. James Church Muswell Hill
The John Baird
The Hampstead Butcher & Providore
The Mossy Well
The Real Greek
Tim Moss Furniture
Toffs of Muswell Hill
Topps Tiles Boutique
Victory Auto Services
WAVE
W Martyn
Walter Purkis & Sons
Woodland Tree Surgery
Yien Chinese Restaurant

Local Organisations and Events

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 020 8883 6453. Venue: St James' Centre. **Mondays & Saturdays 10.00am-12 noon**-free legal advice walk-in. Venue: St James' Church, contact: anything.legal@dial.pipex.com.

Sundays 4:45-5:45pm, Monday-Thursday 7:45-8:45pm. Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen, located at the Muswell Hill Baptist Church. Donations of any non-perishable items would be welcomed. Contact: soupkitchen@mhbc.org.uk
10am on Fridays during term time Challenge Group: for families with a pre-schooler with additional needs.

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, N10 2EY.

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. Contact Barbara Penney 020 8883 0010 or e-mail barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk

POPCHOIR MUSWELL HILL

Wednesday evenings 8-9.30pm at the Royal British Legion in Muswell Hill Rd. No experience, no auditions, no need to read music. Book a free taster session at www.popchoir.com or email info@popchoir.com. 020 8659 5464.

WEA MUSWELL HILL

10-week courses starting on **28 September** at North Bank, Muswell Hill Methodist Church, Pages Lane, N10 1PP: History of British 19th century Art & Craft. Tutor: Laura Elliott, **Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm**. Writing for Pleasure. Tutor: Stewart Permutt, **Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm**. For details and fees see www.wea.org.uk or ring 020 8883 4873.

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.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE NORTH LONDON for the retired or those heading for retirement. www.nlu3a.org.uk.

FRIENDS OF COLD FALL WOOD AND MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELD
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**.

FRIENDS OF PARKLAND WALK
info@parkland-walk.org.uk.

CROUCH END FESTIVAL CHORUS
www.cefc.org.uk.

MUSWELL HILL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
The club meets **at 7.45pm every Wednesday** at Jacksons Lane Community Centre. 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.

FRIENDS OF MUSWELL HILL LIBRARY
Sat 23rd Sept, 2pm

L.L. Zamenhof, the creator of Esperanto
Anna Lowenstein will talk about Zamenhof's life and legacy. Anna is a well known writer and journalist in the international language Esperanto, and has written two novels in the language as well as numerous articles and translations.

Sat 30th Sept, 2pm

Nine crises! Fifty years of covering the British Economy - from the 1967 devaluation to Brexit
Our speaker William Keegan was economics correspondent at the Financial Times between 1967 and 1976 and after a brief secondment to the Bank of England, joined the Observer in July 1977, where he is now Senior Economics Commentator. He is the author of many books.

FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

Visit our new website www.fqw.org.uk. Working parties **last Sunday of month 10.30-12.00** 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 or 07806 870505.

MUSWELL HILL AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Contact Jenny Kruss at jenny_starick@hotmail.co.uk or 020 8442 0031.

EAST FINCHLEY OPEN

Exhibition at The Ply Gallery, Crouch End, entitled 'Reflections' from **18-31 October**. See www.eastfinchleyopen.org.uk

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 11th October 2017.

Copy date for November/December 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 by Wednesday 11th October 2017.

Transport news

Everyone is pleased with the new crossing facilities at the corner of Fortis Green and Tetherdown. A new double yellow line on the south side of Fortis Green is designed to avoid obstructions to westbound traffic whilst eastbound traffic is held at the lights. Unfortunately a disabled parking bay interrupts this clearway. We have asked Haringey to investigate whether the bay is still used by a local resident and, if not, to have it removed. The Council agrees with us about removing the space and will take action in due course.

Our campaign for a pedestrian crossing of Priory Rod near the junction with Redston Road is bearing fruit. It was agreed to go ahead with the installation subject to funding being available. Recently appeared road markings seem to suggest that this is not happening.

The Warner Road Residents Association have asked TfL to rename the bus stops around the Muswell Hill/Priory Road junction and have requested us to endorse that which we have done. Razak Mahama, Haringey's engineer, is pursuing the matter with TfL.

Chris Barker, Transport Officer

Moped Muggings

MHFGA member Diana O'Sullivan contacted our local MP, Catherine West, to express her concern about the number of moped muggings that are taking place in the area. Ms West wrote to Haringey Borough Commander, Chief Superintendent Helen Millichap, who responded with the following comments:

The Met Police Response across all London Boroughs is Operation Venice, which aims to tackle this crime type on as many levels as possible. In Haringey we have recently formed a Robbery Unit which is focused on the key hotspots, which have been, until very recently, in the east of the borough. As a result in the rise in this type of crime in the western Haringey wards, the local neighbourhood team ward officers have completed a day of action with a real drive to prevent crime and provide easy crime prevention advice to local businesses and members of public by issuing advice, leaflets and posters. Further days of action are being planned. We urge everyone to be aware of their surroundings to make it harder for the suspects to grab phones from the hand. We have several on-going investigations directly targeting offenders based on intelligence. We have begun a new publicity campaign, with large vinyl posters being placed at key scooter parking areas, and spray paint stencils (made by a local school) on the footways. Feedback regarding these has so far been very positive.