

Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

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Your Residents' Association working for the local community since 1948

Summer Fun in Muswell Hill!



After its success last year, the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association is running the Odd One Out competition again during the summer holidays, and we hope that lots of shops and children will again take part.

The idea of this competition, which is open to children aged twelve and under, is to find one strange object in shop windows that is out of place, for example a spanner in a sweet shop or an Oxo cube in a bookshop. The object may be of any size, but the smaller it is, the harder it is to spot!

Participating shops will be given a dedicated number, which will be listed on the entry form. Shops will display our "Odd One Out" sign (A5 size) in their window. Forms are available on our website, and in the Muswell Hill Library. The competition details are also on our social media channels and our website.

Can you offer support to the Association?

If you have a bit of time to spare, could you help us with various activities such as attending to flower beds, reporting on local events for the Newsletter, finding speakers for our Members' Meetings or supporting the committee in other ways? If so, please contact our Chairman, John Hajdu (contact details on page 2).

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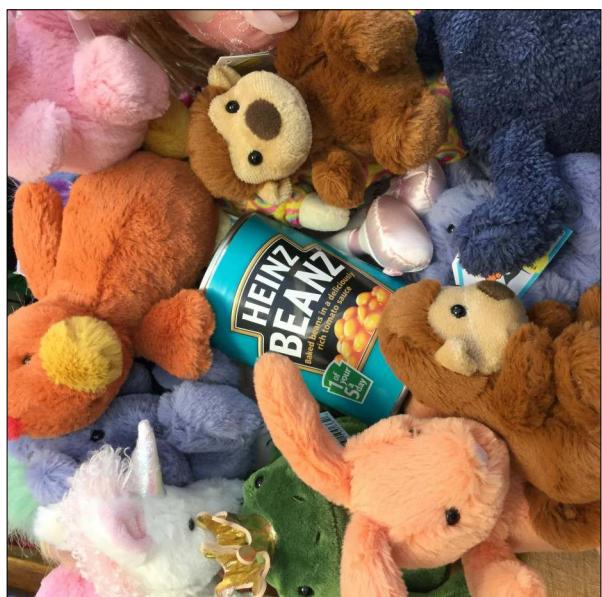
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The winner(s) will be the entrant(s) who have correctly identified all of the "odd" objects. The Everyman cinema has kindly donated 40 cinema tickets for the winning entrants.

Apart from being lots of fun for the children, the competition generates footfall for the participating shops, serves the community, and engages local children in a month when retailers are not so busy and children are on holiday with parents looking for free activities to keep them occupied.



Beans among the cuddly toys!

If you love us, you have to 'like' us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/MHFGA
Visit us on Twitter for regular updates: [@theMHFGA](https://twitter.com/theMHFGA)
Follow us on Instagram for beautiful images of Muswell Hill: [@mhfga](https://www.instagram.com/mhfga)
Visit our website: www.mhfga.org



Members' Meetings

Our meetings are open to the public and are free of charge

There are no meetings in the summer months, but be sure to make a diary note of the next meetings on the evenings of Thursday 11th October and Thursday 8th November.

Bus service proposal: route 603

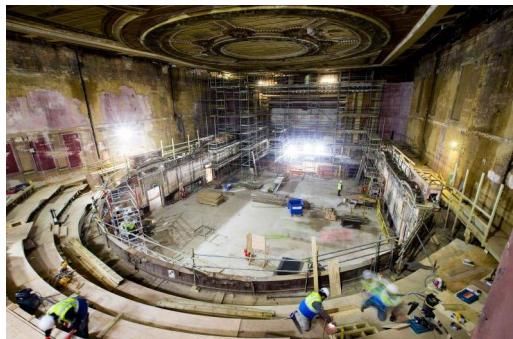
The Association has been informed that the bus route 603 is to be withdrawn during the school holidays, starting from Saturday 28th July. A letter will be handed out to the passengers who use the route. As the 603 serves seven schools on the route, the pupils will not be affected.

The 603 currently runs Mondays to Fridays between Muswell Hill Broadway and Swiss Cottage via East Finchley and Hampstead Heath. There are two buses providing a morning and afternoon return journey per day only. The number of passengers using the route has declined in recent years and usage continues to fall.

Alternative travel arrangements are available:

- **Use route 102** for Muswell Hill Broadway to East Finchley Station.
- **Use route 143** for East Finchley Station to Highgate.
- **Use route 210** for Highgate to Hampstead Heath (Jack Straw's Castle).
- **Use route 268** for Hampstead Heath (Jack Straw's Castle) to Swiss Cottage.

Alexandra Palace Theatre



Alexandra Palace have just announced the opening season of shows in their restored theatre. Opened in 1875, the theatre entertained

Photo by Lloyd Winters

up to 3,000 guests with spectacle and magical stage machinery. It has been closed to the public for 80 years until now. The East Wing Restoration Project has breathed new life into the space whilst preserving its character and charm.

You can now buy tickets to the first season of shows this December – enjoy music with Gareth Malone, have a laugh with Dylan Moran, or bring the whole family along to the Horrible Histories. Visit theatre.alexandrapalace.com to find out more.

There is still time to write your name into the history of this project – balcony seats can be named for £900 and stall seats for £450. Alternatively donate £25 for your name on the donor board, or £100 to include an exclusive preview tour of the theatre.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams:

Muswell Hill: 020 8721 2765

muswellhill.snt@met.police.uk

Fortis Green: 020 8721 2506

fortisgreen.snt@met.police.uk

Alexandra: 020 8721 2675

haringeyalexandra.snt@met.police.uk

If you have a local issue you would like to discuss, remember the Police Contact Point outside Planet Organic on Saturdays from 1-3pm.

The police rely on interactions with the public to do their job effectively. They are urgently in need of volunteers who live in Muswell Hill ward to join the Muswell Hill Ward Panel. This committee meets every few months to discuss local police priorities, trends in local crime and to act as a liaison between local residents and officers. Please email Brian Livingston, Chair of the Fortis Green Police Ward Panel, (cblivingston@btinternet.com) with your telephone number if you would be interested in taking part. Please also contact Brian if you live in another ward and are interested in joining your local Police Ward Panel.

Member in Profile

Jenny Hammerton



Jenny Hammerton has been living in Muswell Hill for around 8 years. She has made many friends in the local area through shopping and eating locally and by joining the Muswell Hill and District Horticultural Society. She is very lazy and is therefore thrilled that so many wonderful eateries, independent shops, libraries and lovely societies are available on her doorstep. She absolutely loves Muswell Hill!

Jenny is a qualified film archivist and food writer specializing in writing about classic movie stars and their favourite recipes. She has been blogging about celebrity eating and drinking for over 12 years at www.silverscreensuppers.com and her collection of recipes now numbers over 7,000. She is gradually cooking her way through them with varying results. Elizabeth Taylor's Chicken Steamed in White Wine is a popular dish with her dinner guests but Ginger Rogers's Butterscotch Date Pudding was an absolute disaster! If you like the idea of eating like a movie star, you can sign up for a celebrity recipe of the month email by visiting the Silver Screen Suppers website.

An authority on film star culture, Jenny has given film presentations at the Association of Moving Image Archivists conference in Miami, the National Film Theatre in London, the Berlin Film Festival and the New Zealand Film Archive. She has appeared on television and radio many times, talking about her love of old TV, movies and film star fodder. Her books include *For Ladies Only?* about women and cinema in the 1920s, *Cooking With Joan Crawford* and *Cooking With Columbo*. Jenny considers herself to be a Columbo superfan and her book is a celebration of the great TV detective show containing episode guides and the favourite recipes of Peter Falk and many of his co-stars. She recently gave a presentation about the book to the Friends of Muswell Hill Library.

Oh, as Columbo would say, just one more thing... Jenny's nephew Lee resurrected the dormant family business, the Hammerton Brewery, in 2014 and Jenny makes bread and mustard containing his beer to sell at his monthly tap room openings in Islington. She's currently developing a recipe for a special Muswell Mustard containing Hammerton's "Crunch", a peanut butter milk stout. which we hope will be coming soon to a local shop near you.

Jenny's Twitter handle is @silverscreensup and she also tweets for the Muswell Hill and District Horticultural Society @BloomingN10 – you can follow her on Instagram @silverscreensuppers and keep tabs on her bread and mustard activities via the Loaf on Mars Facebook page. *Cooking With Joan Crawford* is available to buy via www.blurb.co.uk and *Cooking With Columbo* is available via Amazon and can be ordered at the Muswell Hill library of course!

Bill Tyler retiring

Bill has been closely involved with our Association since 1972 and, having moved to Fortis Green in 1975, he joined our committee in the late 1970s. He was chairman from 1983 to 1985 and has carried on as an active committee member ever since. He was always available if we needed help, for example on our stalls or at meetings. He organised and conducted several local summer walks for us and gave the occasional talk too, the most memorable being a beautifully illustrated talk of his Machu Picchu trail walk, to raise money for the National Autistic Society. He raised £13,755! He also represented our Association on the London Forum for many years.



He said in his resignation letter: *I go back quite a long way and after 40+ years it is, I think, time to hang up whatever one hangs up on retiring. I have enjoyed being involved in so many local activities over the years and will not stand for re-election at the AGM. It has been a privilege to work with so many talented and dedicated people over the years.*

Bill is one of the nicest people I have had the pleasure of working with. In his quiet, unassuming way he has guided and advised us all; his long years of experience, his local knowledge and professional expertise have been invaluable; and we will certainly miss his wise counsel and dry good humour.

John Hajdu

CROSS-OVER SUCCESS

Members may recall my article on the damaging effect of vehicle crossovers and front garden parking to our community and how, on behalf of the Association, I object to planning applications for such developments.

Success in opposing such applications is by no means guaranteed, in fact it is usual for consent to be granted despite the protestations of the Association and others. I am however pleased to report that, in the case of 103 Alexandra Park Road, an application for a cross-over has been successfully defeated. The case has a long history, starting in 2015 when planning was granted subject to conditions. One of the main conditions was not complied with and by a convoluted path the applicants appealed against a refused application to satisfy the condition. The appeal was lost primarily on safety grounds, one of the main objections consistently made by the Association through the three-year history of this matter.

Such a result is both welcome and unusual and I would like to think heralds a raising of consciousness by Haringey of the incremental degradation of our area by such development.

Nick Barr

Members' meeting



On 12 April we had one of our most successful meetings, with 60 people (most of them non-members) attending, to hear representatives of our local police teams.

The meeting was arranged to discuss increasing levels of crime, especially in Muswell Hill. The Q&A session was lively and the questions focused mainly on the need to cut down on violent muggings by and on teenagers and to safeguard children when going to and from school. The officers reported on their recent success in bringing a known ringleader to prosecution and confirmed that they are aware of the ongoing issues. A report on the meeting was forwarded to Fortismere School who put out a note to all parents summarising the meeting.

Hopefully people will be more aware of the need to report all incidents/suspicious behaviour as well as reminding their children to be more vigilant with their phones and other valuable items when they are out and about.

Alex's Corner

Our Association covers Muswell Hill, Fortis Green & Alexandra wards, and works closely with our corporate members.

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

Welcome to the seventeen new members who have joined since the last issue of the Newsletter. They are from Queens Avenue, Woodfield Way, Lanchester Road, Leaside Avenue, Wilton Road, Muswell Hill, Church Crescent, High Road, Midhurst Avenue, Corsham Street, Elms Avenue, Fortis Green Road, Summerland Gardens, Pages Hill, Etheldine Road and Leaside Avenue. And welcome to our newest Corporate Member, Yogamatters.

Where are the names we used to publish to let members know who else had joined the Association in their street? The MHFGA does not publish personal names any more to protect our members' privacy. This is to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), in force from 25th May. And just to be clear, we will never sell your personal information or share it with anybody outside the Association for marketing purposes. If you want to know more, do email me at membership@mhfga.org.

HELP NEEDED FOR MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION AND UPDATE

This is the busiest time of the year for membership purposes and we really need help to update our membership database and send out reminders. Our membership system is based on Insightly and MailChimp. If you have a few hours' time, are comfortable with computer software or would like to learn how to use leading customer and mailing systems, drop me a line at membership@mhfga.org.

Corporate Members

Seventy-two local businesses and organisations support the Association. You can find the links to their websites on our Corporate page at www.mhfga.org and click **Useful Links**.

Acorn Property Group	Excel English Language School	Muswell Hill Bikes	Sorbet Muswell Hill
Aleion	Fagins Toys Ltd	Muswell Hill Bookshop	St James's Muswell Hill
Alexandra Park Brazilian Jiu Jitsu	Feet	Muswell Hill Bowling Club	Studio Moe Ltd
Angela Rose	Flesh & Flour Ltd	Muswell Hill Creatives	Take Two Brothers
Baby Sensory	Fortismere School	Muswell Hill Methodist Church	The Hampstead Butcher & Providore
Barnet Furniture Centre	Freehold Community Association	Muswell Hill Pharmacy	The John Baird
Bob's Café	Friends of St. James's Square	Muswell Hill Toy Library	The Mossy Well
Broadway Pet Stores	Greene & Co	Muswell Hill United Reformed Church	The Real Greek
Broadway Pharmacy	Hamptons International	North London Chorus	The Robin Kiashek
Can't Buy Me Love	House of Nails	Panoptica - MH Optical Ltd	Osteopathic Clinics
Capital Gardens	Internet Express/	Planet Organic	Tim Moss Furniture
Cha Cha Cha	PhoneRepairs4u	Pret A Vivre Ltd	Toffs of Muswell Hill
Children's Bookshop	Keats Estate Agents	Principia Brand Consultants	Victory Auto Services
Clissold Arms	Knidos Restaurant	Rhodes Avenue Primary School	Walter Purkis & Sons
Cosi Homewares	Mailboxes Etc.	Robert Linsky Opticians	WAVE
Crouch End Festival Chorus	Muddy Boots	RocketshipWP	W Martyn
East Finchley Open Artists	Muswell Flyer	Sally Bourne Interiors	Woodland Tree Surgery
Evelina's Patisserie	Muswell Health	Snappy Snaps	Yogamatters
Everyman Muswell Hill			Zebra Ceramics

Becky Beach and the Muswell Flyer

The Muswell Flyer was launched in 2005. The idea for the magazine came about after I decided not to go back to work following the birth of my first son, Archie, but I needed to have an income. Coming from a family of shop-owners I have always believed in supporting local shops and know the important role small businesses play within a community. Surrounded by so many great independent businesses in Muswell Hill I wanted to produce a magazine that would offer them cost-effective advertising, include information for the area such as groups, clubs and associations and provide free editorial to charities and organisations so they could communicate with residents.

The first issue was hand-delivered by me and my husband with Archie in a back-pack. It was very hard work and seeing a couple of people walk out and put the magazine in the recycling spurred on my decision to let someone else have the pleasure! Despite a few naysayers telling me that print would die, it didn't, and over the last 13 years one magazine has developed into a portfolio of six magazines with three in Haringey, two in Enfield and one in Barnet; another magazine for Barnet will be launched later this year.



My greatest enjoyment is being able to meet local entrepreneurs and to hear how their passion led to the launch of their independent business. I also gain huge pleasure in supporting local initiatives such as MHFGA, which has a regular slot in the Muswell Flyer.

As I look back through the magazines I am reminded of the changes that have taken place around Muswell Hill; the ebb and flow of businesses, and developments such as the pedestrianisation outside Planet Organic. Throughout it all, N10 has continued to be a magnet for the entrepreneurial and long may that continue.

Becky Beach

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07976 869435

Knidos

Knidos marked its first birthday in May! We celebrated in style with our staff, some of our loyal customers and friends, and lots of food and champagne!

Exactly one year ago we took on the challenge of having our own family-run restaurant. Knidos felt like home from the moment we stepped in, and the decision was a no-brainer – we wanted this restaurant and we were up for a challenge, and what a challenge it was. One year along the line, everything seems much smoother and more enjoyable. We have worked long hours on perfecting our lovely and cosy interior. I love the fact that when people walk into the restaurant for the first time, they always remark how it feels as if they are sitting by the beach somewhere in the Mediterranean. We've created a very fresh feel, with lots of greenery, blue and yellow motives. Interior mission accomplished!

Our Mediterranean menu is fresh, wholesome and our produce mainly locally sourced. The dishes from this part of the world burst with colour, flavour and deliciousness. This is what we've tried to recreate in our menu. We are so privileged to work with a team of very experienced and creative chefs, who are not only great professionals but also amazing people. We strive to perfect our dishes and always take on board customers' feedback. Our aim is to create a fresh, cosy local place for people to enjoy and experience colourful dishes and to escape from the noise and busyness of London for a few short hours.

Are we there yet? Nearly! Every day we feel we are getting closer to achieving our goals and we are pleased that we have been welcomed and supported by the local community. Over the past year we've managed to build a fantastic customer base. We love seeing the same faces over and over again. To us this is the best compliment!



Ina Koleva

MUSWELL FLYER N10

THE LOCAL MAGAZINE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Hugh Garnsworthy



Joining a local society for Hugh meant being an active and enthusiastic supporter and the MHFGA was no exception.

Hugh gave talks to the Association on his extensive local postcard collection and more recently, a poignant family history talk centred on the

First World War was given by Hugh and other members of the family. A small selection of the postcards appears on our website.

I first got to know Hugh when he became our first Independent Examiner in 2007. Following a committee discussion I, as Treasurer, was asked to approach Hugh (who was the Treasurer of the Hornsey Historical Society) to see whether he could put me in touch with anyone who might be interested. Being Hugh, he volunteered himself and was appointed at the next AGM. He remained the Association's examiner until his recent sad death.

The role of the independent examiner is to look at the supporting documents which have been relied upon to produce the figures which appear in the annual accounts and to check that the accounts themselves are correct. The Association's financial year ends on 30 April and there is a lot to be done between then and the AGM which takes place a few days later. I would usually take all the supporting documentation together with a note of any points I wished to flag up round to his very long-established and welcoming family home on my way to work. I soon realised that Hugh was a morning person and usually full of beans at what was to me still an unearthly hour especially if he had just spotted a postcard which had previously eluded him in an online auction and where he reckoned he had a good chance of being the successful bidder. More often than not everything would have been examined and commented upon as necessary for me to collect on my way home the same evening.

As well as dealing with the nuts and bolts Hugh was also good at the bigger picture, such as giving advice as to how we might make changes in the way we did things to follow current best practice elsewhere. Mostly I agreed with him, but sometimes, with the more difficult things, not, and then he would try again the next year, but always with a twinkle in his eye realising that I was not easily going to be persuaded. I know that Jacqueline my successor as Treasurer also greatly appreciated the help and support that Hugh provided.

In appreciation of Hugh's involvement with the work of the Association a donation in his name has been made to the two charities which the family has identified (Woodland Trust and London Air Ambulance).

John Crompton

Musical Moments on Pages Lane

Music in the Gardens returns to Muswell Hill Methodist Church this summer.

For the past few years, the church has invited some really excellent London-based musicians to perform in the gorgeous gardens of the North Bank Victorian villa, which is attached to the church building (unless it rains, when we just move inside).

This popular event, taking place from 2-5pm on Sunday afternoons throughout July and August, attracts hundreds of local people to enjoy a picnic and listen to a wide range of music. It's free and open to everybody, with a play area for children and refreshments available too. Music generally starts around 3pm.

Highlights this summer include a ceilidh band, 'Rock in the Gardens', Caribbean steel pan drums, Life and Mission Choir (www.lifeandmissionchoir.com) and London Metropolitan Brass (www.londonmetropolitanbrass.com).

Please check our website for more details: www.mhmc.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there!

Brian Simpson



Baby Sensory

- Baby Sensory Muswell Hill offers 10% off when a full term of 10 weeks is booked.
- Valid until 31st August 2018 (or baby's 1st birthday).
- Offer running on selected classes.
- Please keep this coupon.
- To book:
- email: muswellhill@babysensory.co.uk
- www.babysensory.com/muswell-hill/

Local Organisations and Events

ST JAMES'S CHURCH

Tuesdays, 11.00am-1.00pm. Community Cafe - free coffee, cake and conversation.

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.

Mondays & Saturdays 10.00am-12 noon- free legal advice walk-in. 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@mhbcb.org.uk

10am on Fridays during term time Challenge Group: for families with a pre-schooler with additional needs.

THE FREEHOLD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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. 'Behave! Life Skills for Puppies', puppy training class 11.45 - 12.45 with Jane Robinson.

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.

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. More details: www.muswellhillphoto.org.uk or email contact@muswellhillphoto.org.uk.

HORNSEY PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP

We meet to discuss local and national issues with visiting speakers on the **third Wednesday of the month**. The topic on **18th July** will be Local Community Groups for the Elderly. Our meetings are held in the main church hall of Hornsey Parish Church, Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH. Contact Ann Anderson (020 8340 8335), or www.hornseypensionersactiongroup.org.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.

HIGHGATE CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 7 July 7.30pm at All Hallows Church, Savernake Road, Gospel Oak at . Britten's St. Nicholas with children's choir and Haydn's St. Nicholas Mass.

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

Please check all times and dates with the organisers

FORTISMORE SCHOOL

Saturday 7 July, 12-6pm. Fortitude Summer Festival. Food stalls, market stalls, rides, live music. Entrance on Twyford Avenue, £4. www.fortismereschoolassociation.com.

FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

www.fqw.org.uk. **July 14th, 2pm and 3.30pm:** Walk in the wood to launch a new book of walks including Queen's Wood. Meet at the Lodge off Muswell Hill Road.

Working party **29 July 10.30-12.** Meet at the Lodge. Tools are provided but please bring gloves and if possible a mobile phone to keep in touch with the leader. Contact Gemma Harris if you are free to help her do litter picking on a **Monday morning**. harrisemma67@gmail.com or 07806 870505.

FRIENDS OF COLDFAUL WOOD AND MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELD

www.coldfallwoods.co.uk/whats-on **The first Tuesday of each month** at Coldfall Primary School.

CROUCH END FESTIVAL CHORUS

Next concert: Carmina Burana, **Sunday 1st July 2018 3pm** at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. www.cefc.org.uk.

NORTH LONDON EPILEPSY ACTION

A support group which 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

MUSWELL HILL & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Show dates in 2018: **Saturday 7th July 3pm** at North Bank. Displays of summer flowers, fruit, vegetables and cookery. Plant stall, local honey for sale and homemade cakes for afternoon tea in the garden. Contact Jenny Kruss at jenny_starick@hotmail.co.uk or 020 8442 0031.

FRIENDS OF MUSWELL HILL LIBRARY

Saturday 7th July, 2pm at Muswell Hill Library. *From Albert Cawthorne to Zebedee Moon – an informal introduction to London's first public librarians.* Speaker: Michelle Johansen. This illustrated talk tells the forgotten stories of the chief librarians in charge of the first public libraries in late-Victorian and Edwardian London. It describes their working-class backgrounds; their early career paths; their deluxe library flats; and their contribution to the early success of the so-called 'universities of the people'.

NORTH LONDON ESPERANTO GROUP

Free Esperanto lessons at beginners and advanced level. The group meets on **Monday evenings 7-8pm** in Muswell Hill Place. For more details (including the full address) contact anna.lowenstein@esperanto.org or phone 07943 137891.

NORTH LONDON FESTIVAL CHORUS

Saturday 14th July 7.30pm at St James's Church, Muswell Hill, featuring two contrasting sacred choral pieces: Salieri's Requiem in C minor and Puccini's Messa di Gloria. Soloists: soprano Yvette Bonner, mezzo Martha Jones, tenor Christopher Turner, baritone James Cleverton, with the Meridian Sinfonia. Tickets available online at: www.northlondonchorus.org/tickets. Prices: £23 - £19 - £11 (concessions £2 reduction). Tickets are also available, in person only, from the church bookshop or from Les Aldrich Music Shop, 98 Fortis Green Road, Muswell Hill, N10 3HN.

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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 1st August 2018.

AGM 2018



The lovely birthday cake made by Tarunima Sinha

Sixty members attended our 70th AGM which was John Hajdu's 18th as Chairman. Highlights of 2017-18 were the Odd One Out competition organised by Zoe Norfolk in the summer and the Very Merry Muswell Festival in December where our tombola stall raised £450 for the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen.

Our membership is now 775, including 74 corporate members. Over 600 of our excellent and much praised newsletters are distributed to members.

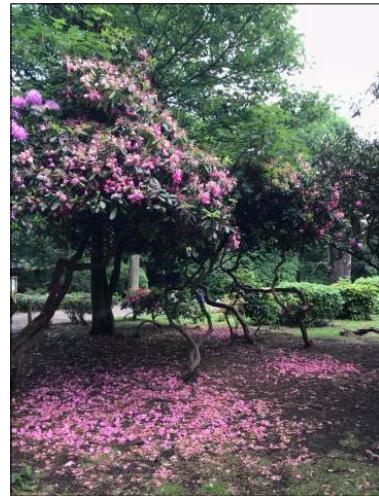
We organised 5 public visits and meetings during the year.

John gave heartfelt thanks to all the hardworking members of the committee and also to the John Baird pub for hosting the AGM.

For details of the committee's activities and achievements during the year, check the full report on our website: www.mhfga.org/agm-2018.

Springtime in Muswell Hill

A selection of photographs taken by Zoe Norfolk which can be viewed on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Planning round-up

1-9 Fortis Green Road - HGY/2017/3640

Revised drawings for the proposals to redevelop most of this site have been submitted. The revision has not satisfied the concerns of many of those who had objected previously to the design. We remain in the dark on other concerns such as how the parking implications would be addressed and what the future holds for the current traders.

412 Muswell Hill Broadway - HGY/2018/1402

This is a recent application to redevelop this post-war building which is currently a pound shop by adding a full storey at the top and a new block at the rear. It would look very different from what is there now: the building would be intrusive and overbearing and the provision of nine flats is an over-development of the site.

Closure of Ernest Dene Care Home, 8-12 Donovan Avenue N10 - HGY/2019/0763

Ernest Dene occupies three large terraced houses. It has had good inspection reports. The Council has granted permission for applications to turn no.8 and no.10 into flats. In both cases the applicant stated that the care home use would continue in the remaining accommodation and any representations from the public questioning this have not been entertained by the Council. The latest application is to convert no.12 to four flats and would be the final nail in the coffin for the care home and would mean that there will be a total of 13 additional flats in this small road, an outcome recognised by objectors. The Association does not wish to see a reduction in the amount of good quality residential care provision available in our area.

The John Baird pub - HGY/2018/1138

The proposal is to retain the present building, including the pub use on the ground floor, but to extend it to provide 8 flats. The proposal includes the removal of the mock Georgian windows and bays which currently provide some visual interest and replace with very ordinary windows. What is proposed is very bland in appearance and represents a lost opportunity to provide something of merit and interest which is worthy of this prominent corner location in the conservation area.

United Reform Church

This is a revised proposal for something which has already been granted permission. The Association has reiterated its objection to the proposals to make alterations to the external appearance of the church, in particular the loss of the entrance on Tetherdown and the construction of a tower.

John Crompton