

Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

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Points of Light Award



In September, Martin Stone, the director of Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen, received the Points of Light award for his innovative website 'Next Meal' which lists the nearest open soup kitchen where the homeless can find food and support.

Points of Light was first established by President George H. W. Bush in 1990 and over 6,000 US Points of Light have been recognised in the USA. UK Points of Light was developed in partnership with the US programme and launched in the Cabinet Room at 10 Downing Street in April 2014. Since then hundreds of people have been named Points of Light by the Prime Minister, highlighting an enormous array of inspirational volunteering across the length and breadth of Britain. Every weekday the Prime Minister recognises an inspirational volunteer with the Daily Point of Light award.

The website was launched to help direct homeless people to places where they can access food and support on a 24-hour basis. Martin was inspired by seeing technology at bus stops showing when to expect the next service to develop a similar service that could benefit homeless people. The website is designed to use GPS to help people find their nearest place of support and is easily accessible on mobile phones. Since launching the website earlier this year, 'Next Meal' is helping more than 40 rough sleepers a day in London and has connected with over 120 community support centres.

Catherine West, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, who presented Martin with the award, said "I'm delighted that Martin Stone is receiving this award. The rise in rough sleepers is a stain on our society and too many vulnerable people are

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slipping through the cracks, struggling to access the support they need. 'Next Meal' is a practical response to the human stories behind the statistics and, thanks to Martin's work, it's helping homeless people across London every day".

Martin said "I'm very surprised, thrilled and humbled by this award. I just had a simple idea and, with the help of others, turned it into a reality. I encourage everyone wherever they are, and what circumstances they are in, to just go out and enjoy doing the same.

"There are so many kind people in so many organisations offering so much help to the most vulnerable homeless people. I have been fortunate to work with many of them through the 'Muswell Hill Churches Soup Kitchen'. 'Next Meal' has grown out of that and tries to use technology in the most efficient way possible to link people in need with the wonderful local provision available all around the country. I am delighted that so early in its development, my work in 'Next Meal', which is in fact the work of many, has been recognised as a Point of Light. This award has inspired us all in our efforts to help our disadvantaged homeless to access the support that might enable them to turn their lives around."

We are delighted to announce that Patricia Pearl, who was on the MHFGA committee in the 1980s, has agreed to be the independent examiner of our accounts.

If you love us, you have to 'like' us on Facebook:

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Visit us on Twitter for regular updates:

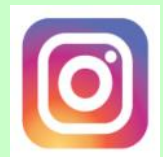
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Follow us on Instagram for beautiful images of Muswell Hill:

[@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. They take place at 7.30pm at North Bank, Pages Lane, N10 1PP. Refreshments are served after the talk.

Thursday 8th November - Muswell Hill Odeon

A talk by Jeremy Buck on the history of the Muswell Hill Odeon (now Everyman), which had its 80th birthday last year. Jeremy has been a Wood Green resident all his life. By profession a bus recruitment consultant, his hobbies are cinema architecture and history. He is a committee member of the Cinema Theatre Association.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams:

Muswell Hill: 020 8721 2765
Fortis Green: 020 8721 2506
Alexandra: 020 8721 2675

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.

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

Very Merry Muswell

1st December 2018, 2-5pm
Small Business Saturday with Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 4pm

This year's event will feature choirs, singers, seasonal food and drink, and a market where visitors will be able to purchase goods made or sold by local people.

After the success of our stall at this event last year, the MHFGA will again be running a tombola with the money raised going to local charity WAVE. WAVE (We Are Valued Equally) is a social enterprise that brings people together from across the community, creating opportunities for those with and without learning disabilities to socialise and have fun together.

We hope to see you there!



If you have some 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 you are able to help with any of these tasks, please contact our Chairman, John Hajdu (contact details below).

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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 www.facebook.com/MHFGA!

Member in Profile

Roz Abrams



Roz with husband Michael

I was evacuated to Montreal in Canada during the war with my mother and two older brothers. On my return to England, I remember sailing down the Manchester Canal, aged six, throwing bananas to the children on the canal side, which they had never seen before! I went to a co-educational boarding school which was vegetarian, had an organic farm, and was very keen on art, music and dance. After that, I went to art school.

I moved to Creighton Avenue in Muswell Hill in the 1950s. I remember the original Sainsbury's at the roundabout, sitting outside the Express Dairy, having tea, which is now The Mossy Well. There were hardly any cars on the roads at all. I then met and married Michael, a doctor who was originally from Birmingham. Our first child, Rebecca was born, and we went to San Francisco for a year on a Rockefeller Travelling Fellowship. We arrived the day before John F. Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963. We lived near Haight Ashbury.

On our return to England in 1965, we bought a house in Wood Vale, with a garden full of roses backing on to Queen's Wood. I remember the paddling pool with its changing rooms there. We had three more children – Jonathan, Jeremy and Nathan, all of whom went to Highgate Primary School. We joined Muswell Hill Synagogue and I became the chairperson of the Sunday school classes for which I did the fundraising. I also did the same for Highgate Primary to buy additional equipment and resources. One time, I asked Nick Mason of the band Pink Floyd, whose children were at the school, if he could get us a real Womble of Wimbledon to come to the annual summer fete.

I then joined art classes at the Camden Institute and exhibited at the Highgate Art Society, the Islington Art Society and various other galleries over many years. I worked mainly in oils, watercolours and charcoal. My paintings of Pond Square were particularly popular. I went swimming in the Ladies' Pond on Hampstead Heath, a wonderful place, over many years, including one winter when it was minus two degrees!

My husband Michael had a very successful career in the National Health Service, working his way up to Deputy Chief Medical Officer in the Department of Health. On his retirement, he became Chairperson of the Whittington Hospital NHS Trust. Michael was a keen gardener and still enjoys doing the cryptic crosswords and playing bridge.

Ally Pally

The restoration team at Alexandra Palace are delighted that the Theatre and East Court openings are now in sight. The East Wing Restoration Project has seen these two spaces undergo a two-year transformation that is finally finishing at the end of this year.

The theatre has been restored in a state of 'arrested decay' whilst being brought up to modern standards – main interventions included work to the floor, ceiling, and balcony. The East Court has been reinvigorated and will be the main visitor hub with a Learning Zone opening in early 2019.

Tickets are on sale for the first season of shows this December which includes singing, comedy, and of course a family pantomime. Visit theatre.alexandrapalace.com to find out more. If you wrote your name into the history of the project by donating £25 or more you will soon be able to see your name on the donor board, and for those who donated £100 or more an exclusive preview tour will be happening in late November.



The theatre set up for BBC Proms open rehearsal on 1st September

No-one does fireworks quite like Ally Pally! We've been letting off zingers, sending up sky rockets and spinning Catherine wheels into London's heavens for over 150 years. Watch the capital's skyline light up from the most spectacular vantage point imaginable.

Friday 2nd November - Laser show: 8:30pm, fireworks: 9pm
Saturday 3rd November – Laser show: 7.30pm, fireworks: 8pm

See www.fireworks.london for booking details.

I joined MHFGA some years ago. John Hajdu and his committee do an excellent job and the magazine is so interesting. I'm hopeless with computers so I have offered to do some gardening and help on the stall.

Finally, over the last twenty-eight years, I have been involved with the Crouch End Open Spaces (CREOS), looking after the lovely area which backs onto Wood Vale, Cranley Gardens and Park Road, with a very secluded meadow, woods and walks. For ten years I was its secretary. Looking back to when I arrived, fifty-three years ago, Muswell Hill was so different then. But I love the area and would hate to move anywhere else.

Muswell Hill Sustainability Group

Free inspiration for winterproofing your home

Want to make your home warmer and cheaper to run? The Muswell Hill Sustainability Group (MHSG) can help you cosy up for the colder months ahead.

Our Green Open Homes event in November offers two days when you can visit a local energy-efficient home: Sunday 4th November and Saturday 10th November.

Find out about up-to-date insulation, draughtproofing, heating and renewable energy systems direct from householders. We can also direct you to local installers and suppliers our members have found trustworthy.

Homes are opening in Muswell Hill, Alexandra Park, Crouch End, Highgate and Tottenham. Tours last one hour, starting at 10am, 11.30am, 2pm and 3.30pm – numbers are limited but you may book as many tours as you wish.

Please book your Green Open Homes visits online at www.mhsgroup.org/greenopenhomes

For other MHSG activities, please see page 7.



Membership Matters

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

Welcome to our three new individual members: Neil O'Shea, Cicero Souza and Melissa Bockelman-Tessier.

Welcome also to our new corporate members: Belmeis Jazz Club, WAVE Café, Husen Moda, Picture Framing Muswell Hill and Alexandra Palace Farmers Market.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION?

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MHFGA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM 1st MAY TO 30th APRIL OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Some members' subscriptions for the year 2018/19, which fell due 1st May 2018, are still outstanding. We do hope that those concerned will continue with their membership as your contribution is vital in continuing the work of the Association. **Please be aware that individual membership has increased to £10 per annum so any existing standing orders will need to be amended accordingly to take effect on 1st May 2019.**

To make sure that we have your correct contact details, and to help us in informing you of our activities and events, could you please let us know if you have changed your e-mail address, phone number and/or postal address.

To pay your subscription please log into our website - membership@mhfga.org where you will find various ways to pay. If you do not wish to pay on-line by card or by other methods, we can arrange for you to receive a membership form and you can send a cheque (made out to MHFGA) to our Treasurer Jacqueline Servat, 52 Queens Avenue, N10 3NU.

If you do not wish to continue as a member it would be useful for us to know the reason why.

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 and click **Useful Links**.

11.04 Architects	Everyman Muswell Hill	Muswell Hill Pharmacy -	St James's Muswell Hill
Alexandra Palace Farmers	Excel English Language	Ravika	Studio Moe Ltd
Market	School	Muswell Hill Toy Library	Tatlers Estate Agents
Alexandra Park Brazilian Jiu	Fagins Toys Ltd	Muswell Hill United Reformed	The Hampstead Butcher &
Jitsu	Flesh & Flour Ltd	Church	Providore
Angela Rose	Freehold Community	Muswell Hillbilly Brewers	The John Baird
Baby Sensory	Association	North London Chorus	The Mossy Well
Barnet Furniture Centre	Friends of St. James's Square	Panoptica - MH Optical Ltd	The Real Greek
Barron Salon	Greene & Co	Picture Framing Muswell Hill	The Robin Kiashek
Belmeis Jazz Club	Husen Moda	Planet Organic	Osteopathic Clinics
Broadway Pet Stores	Internet Express/	Point 5 Kitchens	Victory Auto Services
Broadway Pharmacy	PhoneRepairs4u	Pure Nest Café	W Martyn
Capital Gardens	Mailboxes Etc.	Rhodes Avenue Primary	Walter Purkis & Sons
Cha Cha Cha	Misk Boutique	School	WAVE Café
Children's Bookshop	Muswell Flyer	Robert Linsky Opticians	Woodland Tree Surgery
Clissold Arms	Muswell Health	RocketshipWP	Yogamatters
Cosi Homewares	Muswell Hill Bikes	S&D Express	Zebra Ceramics
Crouch End Festival Chorus	Muswell Hill Bowling Club	Sable d'Or	
East Finchley Open Artists	Muswell Hill Creatives	Sally Bourne Interiors	
Evelina's Patisserie	Muswell Hill Methodist Church	Snappy Snaps	

Muswell Hillbilly Brewers

Muswell Hillbilly Brewers are Mart Dude (Head Brewer), Pistol Pete (Sales) and Bob (Design) who run a small microbrewery located in 24-26 Avenue Mews N10. We are local people who run a brewery, a bottle shop in Wood Green and now a Tap Room, as well as having full time jobs as a Deputy Headteacher, Accounts Manager and Graphic Designer respectively.

Our new tap room is located a few doors down from the Brewery in Avenue Mews and is a continuation of our intention to sell directly to local people, as well as promoting our own and other local businesses. The Mews is made up of small craft businesses, which include two vintage clothing and furniture shops, a joinery workshop, arts and music studios as well as our own craft brewery. We hope the Tap Room will bring further business to Avenue Mews, enhancing its reputation as the 'Creative Hub of Muswell Hill' and promoting its growing community feel. Already part of the Mews and as local people, we are ideally placed to work with other businesses to sensitively promote an area which is often described as Muswell Hill's 'best kept secret'.

Our Tap Room has kegs and casks selling our own and other local craft beers. We also sell natural wines and artisanal spirits, and have fridges containing bottled beers, wine and soft drinks. Hillbilly beers are hand made locally, containing N10 hops grown in Muswell Hill gardens. Our core beers are:

Muswell Hillbilly - a light, hoppy and refreshing IPA.
Tetherdown - a wheat Saison, infused with lemon and Bergamot.
N10- a tropical pale ale infused with grapefruit.
Palace Sunset - a malty and citrusy red ale, the caramel base infused with blood red orange.
Down the Colney Hatch - a smoky, chocolatey Porter.
Avenue Mews - a black, malty and hoppy IPA.
Fortis Green - an oat breakfast stout infused with coffee provided by W Martyn, Muswell Hill.

The Muswell Hillbilly Brewers Tap Room's current opening times are- Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 12noon to 10pm. We also plan along with other businesses in the Mews to organise small one-off events on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

We hope to see you all at the Muswell Hillbilly Brewers Tap Room soon!



Victory Autos



The Team - Mark, Wayne, Richard and Khalif

Victory Auto Services was established in East Finchley and has been servicing the motorists of Muswell Hill, Fortis Green and Finchley for over 20 years. Mark and Wayne have been running the garage since 1996, first in the initial East Finchley High Road site, they then moved to Fortis Green Road in 1999, finally arriving at the present site on Coniston Road in 2014. They are supported by mechanics Khalif and Richard who have been working there for over 15 years.

Victory Auto Services offers a plethora of services including diagnostics and mechanical repairs, routine servicing, MOT preparation and tests, tyre checks and fitting, bodywork repairs and air conditioning services. They are a member of the Retail Motor Industry Federation and have been a WHICH trusted trader in their 20 years of operating (customers can find reviews at www.trustedtraders.which.co.uk.) Loyal customers have followed the garage from the initial East Finchley location to the current location in Muswell Hill, and now Mark and Wayne are delighted to see their children come in to service their cars.

Mark and Wayne have many years' experience of looking after their customers, who trust them to make sure their cars are reliable and safe, at sensible prices. Victory Auto Services is one of the longest serving garages in the East Finchley area and you can find more details at www.victoryautoservices.com, call on 0208 883 9707, or visit the garage at 57 Coniston Road, London, N10 2BL.

Odd One Out

The competition during the summer holidays this year was even more successful than last year, with 71 children taking part. There was a lot of excitement on the last day with children making the final effort to get their answer sheets in. 36 children got all the answers correct. The winners received a free ticket to the Everyman Cinema.

Thanks to Zoe Norfolk and others who helped organise the event and to the businesses that took part. The children of Muswell Hill will be happy to learn that we will be running Odd One Out again next year!



BBC young musician for North London concert

Local music-lovers who heard the brilliant young cellist Ariana Kashefi play with the North London Symphony Orchestra at St James's Church last June can look forward to hearing an even younger outstanding performer as the soloist in the orchestra's next concert, on 1st December. He is Jack Campbell, who two years ago, at the age of 15, won the keyboard category of the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition.

Jack, who is now in his first term at the Royal College of Music (where, as it happens, Ariana also studied), will play the 5th piano concerto by Saint-Saëns. With its opulent, late Romantic



score and demanding solo part this work is known as "the Egyptian concerto", since it was written when the composer was on holiday in the ancient city of Luxor on the Nile and features a "Nubian love song" and the croaking of Nile frogs. It also shows influences from the East more generally, with instrumentation that includes a tam-tam of the sort used in Indonesian gamelan

SHOP	OBJECT
Misk	<i>cotton reel</i>
Snappy Snaps	<i>unicorn / my little pony</i>
Broadway Pharmacy	<i>carrot</i>
Cha Cha Cha	<i>chicken</i>
Evelina's	<i>fossil</i>
Panoptica	<i>apple</i>
Sally Bourne	<i>mustard</i>
Fagin's Toys	<i>coat hanger</i>
Robert Linsky	<i>Lego</i>
Muswell Hill Bikes	<i>thimble</i>
Martyn's	<i>clock</i>
Angela Rose	<i>walnut</i>
Hamptons	<i>paper parasol</i>
Muswell Hill Pharmacy	<i>battery</i>
Cosi	<i>bear</i>
Broadway Pet Store	<i>Lego</i>
Barron's	<i>elephant</i>
Mailboxes	<i>scrabble letters "ODD"</i>
Tatlers	<i>tambou rine</i>
Walter Purkis	<i>prosecco</i>
Children's Books	<i>Wall-e DVD</i>
All Dogs Matter	<i>mushy peas</i>
Pure Nest	<i>staple remover</i>
Butchers	<i>Squirrel Nutkin book</i>
Framers	<i>compass</i>
Zebra	<i>nail polish</i>
Point5Kitchens Ltd	<i>owl</i>
Cpotential	<i>white sugar sachet</i>

ensembles. Saint-Saëns described it as "a kind of voyage to the Orient".

The other works in the programme are Walton's first symphony, described by one critic as "a volcanic eruption of dark, sensual passion", and the dramatic *Royal Hunt and Storm* from Berlioz's grand opera *The Trojans*.

The concert will take place at **7.30 pm on Saturday 1st December** at the **Palmers Green United Reformed Church, Fox Lane, N13 4AL**. For its remaining concerts this season the NLSO will return to St James's, Muswell Hill; among the works to be played are Korngold's violin concerto and Brahms's third symphony (23 March), and Walton's viola concerto and Vaughan Williams's "London" symphony (29 June).

TICKETS: discounted online (www.ticketsource.co.uk) £14, £11 conc, £7 under 16; or at the door £15, £12, £8.

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.

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@mhbc.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**. 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.

FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

Contact Gemma Harris if you are free to help her do litter picking on a **Monday morning**. harrisgemma67@gmail.com or 07806 870505.

FRIENDS OF COLD FALL WOOD AND MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELD

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

IMPORTANT! Please check all times and dates with the organisers.

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

FRIENDS OF MUSWELL HILL LIBRARY

Saturday 17th November, 2pm at Muswell Hill Library. *Spanish Crossings - the story behind the story*. Speaker: John Simmons, author of 'Spanish Crossings' John Simmons is a local author who will help us understand what life was like for some of the 4,000 Spanish child refugees brought to the UK after the bombing of Guernica.

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.

FORTISMERE COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Next concert: **1st December, 7.30pm** at St Andrew's Church, Alexandra Park Rd, N10 2DD. Symphonie Fantastique (Berlioz) and Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 2 in G minor.

MUSWELL HILL SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

Tuesday 13th November, 7.30pm: Woodstove Wisdom Evening. Find out how to run a woodstove cleanly and efficiently. Hosted by a MHSG member in Alexandra Park. Please email info@mhsgroup.org to book your place.

Monday 19th November, 7.30pm. 'Global Politics of Sustainable Energy – Markets, Diplomacy and Super Powers'. Our expert guest speaker will be Neil Hirst, Senior Policy Fellow for Energy & Mitigation at the Grantham Institute for Climate Change, Imperial College, London. Muswell Hill Methodist Church, 28 Pages Lane, N10 1PP. Refreshments provided.

Saturday 24th November, 2-4pm. DIY Draughtproofing Workshop. Cut your energy bills by draughtproofing your home – and save more money by doing the work yourself! Led and hosted by an MHSG member.

FRIENDS OF PARKLAND WALK

Saturday 10th November, 10.00-12.00. Cutting back excess ash and sycamore saplings and bramble on the viaduct. Meet behind Pure Gym.

Tuesday 20th November, 10.00-15.00. Cutting back excess ash and sycamore saplings, reshaping and lining some small ponds and cutting back bramble on the viaduct. Meet behind Pure Gym. Free tea and biscuits.

Thursday 22nd November, 10.00-15.00. The Wildlife Trail, Highgate. Erecting a gate and/or noticeboard into the site and other tasks around the trail including erecting a bird feeding station. Drop in for as long as you want. Free tea, coffee and biscuits.

HIGHGATE CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 3rd November, 7pm at All Hallows Church, Savernake Road, Gospel Oak. Concert with New London Orchestra. Beethoven – Missa Solemnis, Ina Boyle – Soldiers at Peace.

Copy date for January/February 2019 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 1st December 2018.

Flyposting

Members will probably have noticed that throughout the summer there have been masses of posters for circuses and funfairs around the Broadway. The Association's anti-graffiti and flyposting team have removed literally hundreds of them.



These posters are not pasted but fixed round the edges with sellotape and so are easy to remove. Just pull back the tape in one place, pull and the whole thing will come away very easily. The remains can be disposed of in a litter bin, of which there are many in the Broadway. It is quite a satisfying thing to do.

If you do not want to get so hands on, please report the flyposting to the Haringey website and the council's contractor will do the removal. The same applies to graffiti, dumped rubbish and many other categories which you will see on the drop-down menu on the website, including "dead animal on the highway".

Jack Whitehead

CPZ

On 17th August a group of Muswell Hill traders met with MP Catherine West and Councillor Adam Jogee to voice concerns about the forthcoming CPZ affecting some of Muswell Hill's residential streets.

They fear that that shoppers will not be able to park in nearby streets and that will put them off coming to Muswell Hill. They are also concerned that they themselves will not be able to find places to park and would like the rules for obtaining business permits to be relaxed.

In their reply the Council said it tries to balance the needs of both residents and businesses in the area. During the public consultation the single greatest cause of parking congestion in roads wanting parking controls was reported as shoppers and businesses taking up spaces in residential roads. The Council stressed that it was their policy to encourage sustainable means of transport and to discourage commuter parking. They reiterated that there is short term parking available for shoppers and some business permits are available but they are not prepared to increase this.

Chris Barker



Autumn in Muswell Hill



St James's Lane

Photo courtesy of Zoe Norfolk

Wild Wolf Explorer Scout Unit Firework Display - 3rd November

Now in its tenth year, our family-friendly community fireworks event has come a long way since the first display. This year we have an amazing array of food and drink stalls, all run by Wild Wolf Explorers along with Explorers and Scouts from other groups. Plus there'll be the chance to experience a proper Scout campfire with songs and marshmallow toasting.

All stalls will be available during both the low-noise Display and Feature Display slots, allowing you to soak up the atmosphere and witness youth-led Scouting at its finest. The fireworks will then provide a fitting end to an amazing event. For more details on the timings of the two different displays, see our website wildwolfesu.org/fireworks

For the second year running we'll be hosting a Low-Noise display too, for younger children and those with sensory requirements.

Tickets are available at wildwolfesu.org/tickets.

