

# Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

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## Important Planning News

### John Baird Pub, Fortis Green Road

Permission has been granted to extend the building, including the provision of an additional storey to accommodate 7 self-contained flats. The aim seems to be that the new building will look like an enlarged version of the present one. One point which was of concern to many was how the Council would be able to hold the applicant to account concerning its statement that the pub use on the ground floor will continue. It was therefore good to see that a condition has been included in the planning permission which requires the ground floor to have been fitted out as a pub before the residential units can be occupied.

### 412 Muswell Hill Broadway – the former Woolworth building

Permission has been granted for the conversion of the first and second floor levels of the existing building to the front, the construction of a third floor to the front and additional storey to the rear to provide 9 residential flats above the ground floor commercial unit involving the creation of a basement level and alterations to the front elevation façade. The decision is disappointing as the Association had objected to several aspects of the proposal which we believe will appear unduly prominent in relation to the surrounding streetscape.

### 1-9 Fortis Green Road

The proposal to redevelop the single storey shops opposite Sainsbury's and build 6 flats above caused an enormous amount of

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interest and concern last year. Out of the blue we were advised that the application has been withdrawn and so is no longer being considered by the Council. No reason was stated. We will alert members if and when there is any further update.

*John Crompton*

## Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee



The Association has always taken a keen interest in Alexandra Park and Palace and its future. Colin Marr has chaired the Conservation Area Advisory Committee for several years and is now keen to see whether any fellow MHFGA members, or indeed non-members, wish to join him on the committee to assist with this important work.

**WANTED:** architects, planners, conservationists, historians – with an interest in the heritage and conservation of Alexandra Park and Palace! Wanted because the Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee (APPCAAC) is looking to recruit new members with appropriate skills. The role of

the committee is to advise the council's planning department on planning applications that have an impact on the Park and Palace. Membership is voluntary and not limited to those who live close to the Palace. If you feel this invitation is something for you, or if you wish to nominate someone else, please contact Colin who will let you know more about what is involved.

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## Members' Meetings

**Our meetings and events are open to the public.**

**Thursday 14th March, 2.00-3.30pm** - tour of Lauderdale House in Highgate. Explore its fantastic history and discover some of the hidden features and stories of the people who have lived there.

Lauderdale House is a Grade II\* listed building in Waterlow Park dating back to 1582 and recently refurbished. It has an original Tudor wooden framework that has been adapted by successive owners over the centuries. Today the house runs primarily as an arts, heritage and education centre.

Tickets £5. Book online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mhfga-guided-tour-of-lauderdale-house-tickets-55868639605>

**Thursday 11th April, 7.30pm** - *A Spring in Your Step*, a talk by Denis Lynch from the Sunshine Garden Centre in conjunction with Muswell Hill & District Horticultural Society. Cara Jenkinson, Chair of the Muswell Hill Sustainability Group will also give a short address. Venue - North Bank, Pages Lane, N10 1PP. Refreshments will be served. Free entry.

**Advance notice for your diary**

**Thursday 16th May, 7.45pm** - AGM at Woodside Square Common House. Refreshments will be served. Free entry.

**Sunday 9th June** - a walk around Alexandra Park, led by Julian Woodfield.

## Can you identify where this picture was taken?



Photo: Jacqueline Servat

## 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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## Robin Lustig



We moved to Muswell Hill in 1982 and have lived in the same house ever since. There was never really any doubt that we would buy it: when the estate agent told us it was owned by a certain Mr Rosenthal, who turned out to be none other than the playwright Jack Rosenthal, who was married to Maureen Lipman, how could we not snap it up there and then?

I harboured a fantasy – correction, I still harbour a fantasy – that by sitting in the same upstairs room in which Jack had written some of his most successful plays, I would somehow be inspired by the same muse that had inspired him. I have even written a play of my own, but so far the evidence suggests that Jack took the muse with him when he and Maureen moved round the corner to Colney Hatch Lane.

Muswell Hill in the 1980s was a quiet suburban backwater with one Greek restaurant and no cafés. Without a presence of its own on the Tube map, it was north London's invisible suburb – as a result, the houses were a good deal cheaper than those in better-known Hampstead or Highgate.

For us, that was a large part of the attraction. It also had Alexandra Park and those fabulous views over London. Even today, more than thirty-five years later, the views still take my breath away as I take my regular morning stroll through the Grove, past Muswell Hill School, where both our children were educated before going on to Fortismere, and along the Parkland Walk to Highgate Wood, where I commune with nature and admire the ever-changing light-scape of that magical, historic woodland.

As a journalist and broadcaster, I was often on the road, reporting from far-flung places. But Muswell Hill was always home, and as soon as I got back from a reporting trip, I would trot up to the Broadway to check that my favourite shops were still there. If ever Martyn's were to vanish, I would know that all of human existence was in peril.

These days, there are far too many estate agents for my taste, but Martyn's is still there, thank goodness, and the DIY shop by the bus-stop opposite Clark's shoe shop is a blessed Aladdin's cave where we have been able to find anything from a curtain hook to a door-stopper.

I was working for The Observer when we moved here; then, in 1989, after three years away as the paper's Middle East correspondent, I moved to the BBC, where for the next twenty-three years, I presented The World Tonight on Radio 4 and Newshour on the BBC World Service. I left the BBC in 2012, since when I have been a freelance writer and broadcaster. In 2017, I published a memoir called 'Is Anything Happening?' (available, of course, from Muswell Hill Bookshop), and I now spend two afternoons a week as a volunteer reading helper at Bounds Green Primary School.

## The state of our local shops

**Calling on those who have lived in the local area for more than 30 years.**

I'm running a North London U3A (University of the Third Age) project to look at the history and current state of our local high streets. The intention is to use it as a pilot for a nationwide study to take place later this year, after I've reported nationally on the local study.

Why am I doing it? Partly because it's a worthwhile project to engage the oldest in the community (not necessarily U3A members), and partly because I'd like to encourage local people to focus more on the future of their shopping streets, which societal pressures, notably but not exclusively internet shopping's rapid rise, are in danger of transforming into centres that are largely for personal service only: cafes and take-aways, nail bars and beauticians, betting and payday loan shops, at the expense of shops that sell things, and community services like libraries. The U3A's constitution bars it from campaigning on such matters, but that's no reason why U3A members can't join - or start - local pressure groups.

In November I produced a detailed summary table of the current and past shops in each of two major centres: both sides of East Finchley High Road from the station to Creighton Avenue and the Broadway and Fortis Green Road in Muswell Hill. Unfortunately Muswell Hill can be confusing because road names have changed and some street numbers' direction has reversed.

What I'd like to do next is gather groups of people who have known specific shopping streets for a long time to:

1. Walk the streets and list the shops there now. You can do this surprisingly quickly, but if you don't feel like tramping the streets you can skip this stage. It is, however, very educational.
2. Use online directories and archives to plot changes since my (not entirely arbitrary) start point of 1937. I'll guide you and/or participate. Again, you can skip this if you don't fancy it, and jump straight to 3.
3. Gather a group of local residents (from 3-10) at my house or in a room at the appropriate archive (Muswell Hill library or Bruce Castle museum) to 'walk' down the virtual streets together, furnished with old maps, photos - and your own recollections. Doing it together should spark buried memories.

I shall then write a report for the national U3A, aiming to encourage groups to carry out something similar later in the year. I'd aim to write the whole project up in early 2020.

Please contact me at [coxpetern@gmail.com](mailto:coxpetern@gmail.com) if you would like to help me with this project.

*Peter Cox*





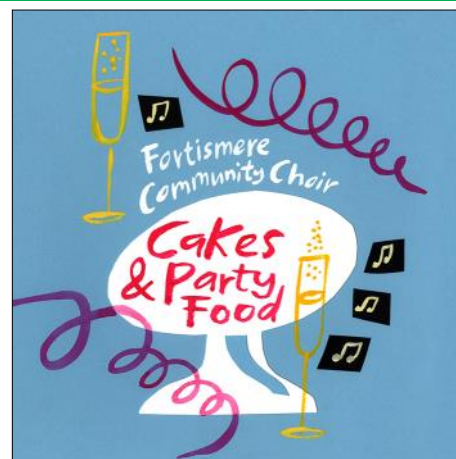
## Fortismere Community Choir

The choir celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2019 with an illustrated recipe book: Cakes and Party Food. The cakes at the morning break are legendary as are the bring-a-dish contributions to choir parties or lunch at all-day rehearsals in the run-up to concerts. The choir comprises singers of all abilities: those who are accomplished and able to sight-sing or those who simply enjoy singing but cannot read music. Some 70 sopranos, altos, tenors and basses have contributed to this book. Weekly rehearsals are at Fortismere School every Saturday from 10.30am to 1.00pm during school terms.

The book is being sold as a fund-raiser for the choir, to pay for soloists or to commission work written specially for the choir.

£10 a copy or two for £15 on sale in Planet Organic.

Jane Dorner



## Membership Matters

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

Welcome to our new household members: Martin Burstyn, Susanna Abse, Zoe Behagg, Mark Afford, Michael Sinclair, Michael Wright & Dania Herrera, Denise Wilkinson, David Veale, Dimitra Karadimitriou, Robert Jackson, Derek & Carole Lindfield, Karen Sussman.

Welcome also to our new corporate members: Hollickwood Primary School, Lambert Welch Kitchens.

**Please be aware that, some time ago, household membership increased from £8 to £10 per annum and corporate membership from £20 to £25 per annum, so any existing standing orders will need to be amended accordingly to take effect on 1st May 2019.**

We are currently contacting members who are still paying the old rate to check that we have their contact details. If you do not wish to continue as a member it would be useful for us to know the reason why. In the meantime, please let us know if you have changed your e-mail address, phone number and/or postal address.

**New members joining in the period January to April will get up to 4 months free as their membership will run to the end of April 2020.**

To pay your subscription please log into our website [mhfga.org](http://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.

## Corporate Members

Sixty-nine local businesses and organisations support the Association. You can find the links to their websites on our Corporate page at [www.mhfga.org](http://www.mhfga.org) and click **Useful Links**.

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

## Corporate Profile

### Picture Framing Muswell Hill

There has been a picture framing shop in Dukes Mews for approximately 40 years. Originally run by Don and Peggy Hunt, I took over Picture Framing Muswell Hill in 2002. My daughter Laura joined the business in 2015 along with Michael, both professional artists who studied at the Slade School of Fine Art and Central St Martin's respectively.

Muswell Hill has a long tradition as a creative neighbourhood, thanks to its proximity to Hornsey College of Arts which was operating in the area until the 1980s. You can still feel the interest in and affinity to the visual arts today and we are proud to contribute to this ongoing tradition. At the shop we see a fascinating range of art and sentimental items including collectible maps, historical prints, contemporary art, family history and photographs, paintings and objects of interest from around the world. We often have to come up with inventive solutions to frame unusual pieces that require something beyond the conventional. Aside from frames for the home, our customers also include prestigious commercial galleries and artists as we provide frames for art fairs and exhibitions.

As well as offering standard solutions, we offer contemporary conservation framing using conservation quality materials, such as museum standard acid-free mount board, a variety of protective glazing options and frame fillets. We also use methods which are designed to prevent any long-term deterioration and to minimise any contact between a mounting solution and an artwork.

Pop by for a friendly consultation in our workshop tucked away behind the Broadway in Dukes Mews. We have a wide selection of frames to choose from ranging from aluminium to hand stained and finished natural woods as well as more traditional style gilded and ornate designs. All work is completed on site.

**Opening hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9am-5pm**  
**Dukes Mews, London N10 2QN**  
**Tel: 0208 883 1065**



*Peter Wormell*

## Local Safer Neighbourhood Teams

### Muswell Hill Ward Panel new Chair

We are very pleased that Patricia Pearl (the new independent examiner of our accounts) responded to the notice in our Newsletter and took up the role as the Chair of the ward panel and as a result the panel is now up and running again.

### Merger of the Enfield and Haringey police forces

On 9th January 2019 the two police forces merged into the North Area Basic Command Unit (BCU). As part of the re-organisation the Muswell Hill, Fortis Green and Alexandra wards have a new inspector (Rhona Hunt) and a new sergeant (Leon Christodoulou) who have settled in well and are keen to improve police communications with the public. As a result they arranged the public meeting held on 22 February 2019 which some of you may have attended, signed the police up to the social networking service NextDoor and have increased the email communications to their list of contacts for each ward. If you would like to register your name on their contact list please contact your respective Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Muswell Hill: 020 8721 2765  
[muswellhill.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:muswellhill.snt@met.police.uk)  
 Fortis Green: 020 8721 2506  
[fortisgreen.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:fortisgreen.snt@met.police.uk)  
 Alexandra: 020 8721 2675  
[haringeyalexandra.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:haringeyalexandra.snt@met.police.uk)

Also, do not forget that each ward team holds 3 to 4 contact sessions with the public each month, the locations and times are advertised on our noticeboard and around Muswell Hill and can also be found in your ward area of the Metropolitan Police website [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

*Please contact Brian Livingston if you have any questions. Contact details on Page 2.*

## Hoffmann Foundation for Autism

The art department of the Foundation, which is a local charity, holds a regular art competition for every one on the spectrum of any age and from anywhere in the world.



This year an exhibition of all the entries will be held at Bruce Castle Museum and Gallery, Lordship Lane, Tottenham from March 2nd until mid-May 2019. Admission is free. There are four categories: The Shirley Foundation Prize, The PJR Creative Building Prize, The Lillie Portrait Prize and the Luke Seal Prize for the Best Animal Drawing or Painting.

Generous cash prizes will be awarded in April to the ten winning entries, see our web-site for details: [www.hfa.org.uk](http://www.hfa.org.uk).

## National Garden Scheme

Susan Bennett, Assistant County Organiser of the NW London branch of the National Garden Scheme, would like readers to let her know of any gardens worthy of opening for the scheme. The first event is on **Sunday 28th April from 2.00-6.00pm** at 5 St Regis Close, N10 2DE. Delicious teas and plant sale. Groups welcome by arrangement. Please contact Susan at [suebearlh@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suebearlh@yahoo.co.uk)

## Transport News

### Electric car charging points

Haringey Council has installed a number of electric car charging points around the borough. If you would like to see where they are visit

<https://www.zap-map.com/location-search/london-charging-points/>

### Ultra low emission zone



London's Ultra-Low Emission Zone is coming into operation on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Initially the zone covers the Congestion Charge Zone but will operate 24 hours a day and be extended to the North and South Circular Roads in 2021. The intention is to take the most polluting vehicles off the road and drivers of non-compliant vehicles will have to pay a daily charge (£12.50 a day for cars). Broadly the restriction applies to petrol cars registered before 2006 and diesels more than five years old. You can check whether your car is compliant by entering the registration number through

<https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/check-your-vehicle>.



### Car park charges at Ally Pally?

The charitable body that runs and manages Alexandra Palace and Park recently announced its intention to consider introducing charging for car parking. Although these are early days, and a full consultation will be carried out in due course with local residents, visitors and stakeholders, you may have already read about the idea in the local press or via word-of-mouth. It is worth reading the announcement on their website:

[www.alexandrapalace.com/news/alexandra-palace-to-consider-introducing-car-park-charges/](http://www.alexandrapalace.com/news/alexandra-palace-to-consider-introducing-car-park-charges/)

In short, the main reason is that car park charging could generate income to cover the costs of maintaining and improving the Park and Palace facilities. Despite good progress over recent years, in particular the opening of the newly restored Theatre and East Wing, most visitors to this world-famous attraction probably feel that the Palace could do with more money to spend on these improvements, including managing the car parks better and deterring anti-social behaviour.

Of course, the impact on local residents will largely depend on how charges are implemented as well as their price structure. Casual local users of the park are very different from visitors to all-day events coming from further afield. Changes of this nature also have an impact on neighbouring areas, as we've seen following the recently launched CPZ areas in parts of Muswell Hill.

Whilst local residents will have the opportunity to share their views with Ally Pally directly when the consultation happens later in 2019, we would welcome any comments and questions from members in the meantime.

Please get in touch - we look forward to hearing from you!

*Duncan Neill (Duncan's contact details are on page 2)*

## News from Muswell Hill Sustainability Group

If you've lived in or near Muswell Hill for a while, you'll probably have heard of our group. Perhaps you've seen one of our stalls while doing your Saturday shopping on Muswell Hill Broadway, or visited one of our 'Green Open Homes'. We've been running for 10 years now, helping local people live more sustainably in a way which meets both current and future needs. We work with other local groups and Haringey Council to cut carbon emissions from homes and transport, reduce household waste – especially plastics - and encourage local food growing.



Our community energy company, eN10ergy, has installed solar electric panels on Marks and Spencer on Muswell Hill Broadway, Muswell Hill Methodist Church and on local schools. These generate both electricity and an income from feed-in tariffs to support our work. With other local organisations we campaign for positive change, such as divestment of Haringey Council's pension funds from fossil fuels and other action to tackle climate change. We offer a range of free events and information to help householders save energy. 'Hot Tips For Warm Homes' energy-saving advice sessions suggest low-cost steps, while visits to local energy-efficient homes provide inspiration based on real life experience. We also offer 'Woodstove Wisdom' workshops to advise on home heating using woodstoves and a local wood supply, thermal imaging surveys to detect heat leaks, and a list of local installers of energy-saving products and services group members have found trustworthy.

In 2018 we asked local people and businesses to cut use of single-use plastics. Nearly 600 individuals pledged to stop using plastic bags, cutlery, food containers or straws, while a dozen cafes and restaurants joined the Refill campaign offering free tapwater refills.

Our 2019 programme offers more exciting activities to build on the plastics campaign, raise awareness of sustainable food production and consumption, and encourage local householders to 'green' their homes. In April we'll be taking part in the Extinction Rebellion network's international week of action, and throughout the year members can attend speaker meetings, film nights and social events.

**Please join us! New members are always welcome – just email [info@mhsgroup.org](mailto:info@mhsgroup.org) for details and to join our mailing list. See page 2 for an MHFGA meeting at which our Chairman will speak, and page 7 for our next public event.**

*Mary Blake, Secretary, MHSG*



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 and Tuesdays** - Freehold Community Men's Shed - 10.30am-3.30pm. Showstoppers Performing Arts - 5-7pm.

**Mondays** - Yoga - 7-8pm.

**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](mailto:freehold2003@gmail.com). Freehold Community Centre, 9 Alexandra Road, N10 2EY.

### FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

**7.30pm on Wednesday 20 March** AGM at the Lodge Cafe N10 3JP, off Muswell Hill Road. Bus stop 134 or 43 by the entrance or short walk from Highgate tube. Ed Santry, Nature Conservation Officer for Haringey will talk about his work.

**7 April** Spring flower walk with David Bevan. **28 April** bird walks at **5.00am or 7.00am**. See our website for more information [www.fqw.org.uk](http://www.fqw.org.uk).

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

### FRIENDS OF COLD FALL WOOD AND MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELD

[www.coldfallwoods.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.coldfallwoods.co.uk/whats-on) **The first Tuesday of each month** at Coldfall Primary School.

### 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](mailto:barbarapenney@yahoo.co.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](http://www.hornseypensionersactiongroup.org.uk).

### 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](mailto:anna.lowenstein@esperanto.org) or phone 07943 137891.

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

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

### NORTH LONDON EPILEPSY ACTION

This support group meets on the **first Wednesday of the month** for coffee and chat 2.30-4.00 at Costa Coffee, East Finchley High Street. Those with epilepsy or living with someone with epilepsy welcome. Please contact Barbara Penney at 020 8883 0010 or [barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

### HORNSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lectures take place at the Union Church Hall, Weston Park, N8. A donation of £2 is requested from non-members. Refreshments available from 7.40pm. The doors close at 8.00pm and latecomers unfortunately can't be admitted for security reasons.

**Wednesday 13 March** - *Dickens and the Postal Service*, by Dr Tony Williams.

**Wednesday 10 April**, *Brief History of Finsbury Park and Stroud Green* by Mark Aston.

**First Saturday of the month, 10.30-2.30**, Local History Surgery in the Old Schoolhouse, 136 Tottenham Lane, N8 7EL. To book an appointment, phone 020 8348 8429 or email [hornseyhistoricalsurgery@gmail.com](mailto:hornseyhistoricalsurgery@gmail.com) with a brief outline of the problem.

### 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](http://www.popchoir.com) or email [info@popchoir.com](mailto:info@popchoir.com). 020 8659 5464.

### MUSWELL HILL & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

### NORTH LONDON CHORUS

Spring concert: Bach's St John Passion **7.30pm on Saturday 9 March** at St James Church, Muswell Hill. Book online at [northlondonchorus.org](http://northlondonchorus.org). Tickets £23, £19, £11 with £2 reduction for concessions.

### MUSWELL HILL SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7.30pm** at Muswell Hill Methodist Church, 28 Pages Lane, N10 1PP. 'Celebrating Sustainable Food' – with speakers from green caterers Eco Cuisine, the Riverford Organics delivery company and the Olio food-sharing app.

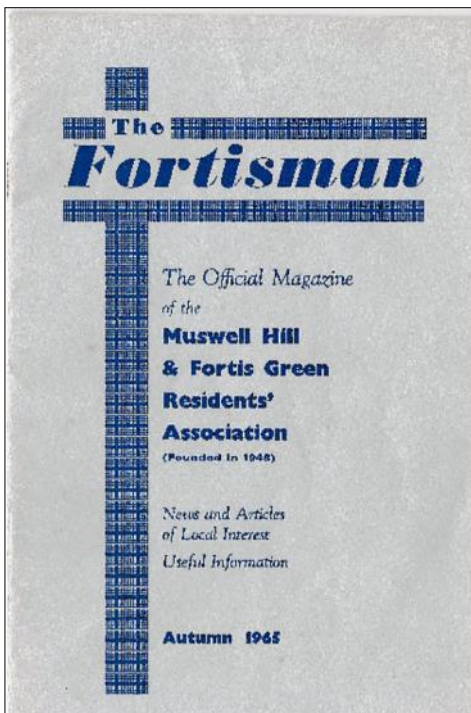
### MUSWELL HILL BOWLING CLUB

**Monday 6 May (Bank Holiday)** Open Day at the club in King's Avenue N10 1PB (next to No. 36). Everyone is welcome to see the club's picturesque grounds, enjoy refreshments, and perhaps try playing a game of bowls. During the season (**late April to mid-September**) the club is open to all on **Fridays from 6:30pm**. For further information call Richard Johnstone on 07986 873 312 or [e-mail richardjohnstone@gmail.com](mailto:e-mail richardjohnstone@gmail.com).

### Useful online information service

Haringey has an online directory for adults who need care and support, where you can search local organisations to find the right services. <https://haricare.haringey.gov.uk/>

## From our archive



In this occasional series, we will take you back into the past history of the MHFGA and, in this first article, we reproduce the editorial from the Autumn 1965 issue of The Fortisman, a forerunner of our current Newsletter.

*It is with pleasure that we present to you this, the first issue of our new magazine. We hope that this publication, which it is aimed to produce twice a year, will be of interest to you and will serve to keep you informed of local affairs and important topics currently under discussion in your locality.*

*The Association, as is already well known to our older members, has been for nearly a generation the only local forum for discussion of matters so closely affecting the residents and ratepayers of Muswell Hill and Fortis Green.*

*With the recent shift in the control of our municipal destiny – and the wholly unjust rate burden thrown upon us in the process – it is felt that to achieve complete success in our principal object of safeguarding the general good of Ward residents in all respects it is now more than ever essential that membership of the Association be increased a little further. Please assist us in our endeavours to help you and your neighbours.*

*We should like sincerely to thank our advertisers for their generous support and to ask you kindly to mention the "Fortisman" when having occasion to patronise any of them.*

Among the advertisers mentioned above were Lanario Bros. Ltd, Grocery & Provisions of Midhurst Parade, Fortis Green; Bonson & Latimer, Surveyors of Muswell Hill Broadway; and Norman Hicks, Florist, also of the Broadway.

## Haringey Ward Boundaries review

All ward boundaries in Haringey are being reviewed by the Boundary Commission as part of their normal process to ensure that electoral wards within a borough have roughly an equal number of electors. We believe that any changes will be put in place for the next council election in 2022.

The Commission sought submissions and suggestions from members of the public and local organisations during December and January. They will now draw up some initial plans and will consult the public on this from the end of April until the beginning of July. This will be the stage at which the Association, and our members, are likely to wish to get involved and make a comment or submission. We will be in touch with further details at to exactly how to do so, nearer the time.

Although we do not yet know exactly which boundaries the Commission will suggest, we do know that the wards in the West of the Borough currently have too few electors (compared to over-populated wards in the East of Haringey) and so the areas they cover will need to be enlarged. It is likely that the area covered by the Association, which currently consists of three wards, will end up being reduced to two and a half wards, with the 'half' being the Northern portion of the current Alexandra ward which may be merged with Bounds Green ward.

*George Danker*

## Pinkham Way

Last October, Haringey's Regulatory Committee, under its remit to examine complex planning issues, considered the draft North London Waste Plan (NLWP). After reading and hearing evidence from PWA (Pinkham Way Alliance), and questioning officers, a cross-party majority of members, unwhipped, recommended to Cabinet that the Pinkham Way site be removed from the plan.

To put it very mildly, this decision sent Council doves a flutter. The Cabinet meeting scheduled for a few days later was postponed for two months to 'give time to line up support'. Cabinet members made alarmist and wholly inaccurate comments that Haringey would be forced to prepare its own waste plan if it didn't approve the NLWP (i.e. if it exercised its right to remove the site). When the matter finally came to Full Council on January 31st, the Council could only ensure approval by whipping Labour members.

So what did that meeting actually approve? One thing only, that the draft plan should be sent forward for a six-week public consultation that will begin shortly. Later this year or early in 2020, an independent Planning Inspector will examine the NLWP's soundness. It goes without saying, of course, that anyone has the right to make a response to the consultation.

For those who don't wish to, PWA will as usual prepare its own submission, which, under a long-standing agreement with the NLWP, we'll invite you to support after studying detailed bullets of the main points. If you're making your own response, you're more than welcome to use these if you feel they're helpful. To study the NLWP documents, please go to: <http://www.nlwp.net/document-centre>.

*Stephen Brice, PWA Chairman*

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