

## ‘Think like a burglar’

### We fight for effective street lighting after police crime warning

OUR ASSOCIATION is conducting a spirited campaign to persuade Haringey Council to ensure that our streets, in particular Queen’s Avenue, are clearly lit when it is dark. At the same time our local police Safer Neighbourhood Team has warned residents of the increasing threat from burglars as the evenings get darker and it becomes easier to identify unoccupied homes.

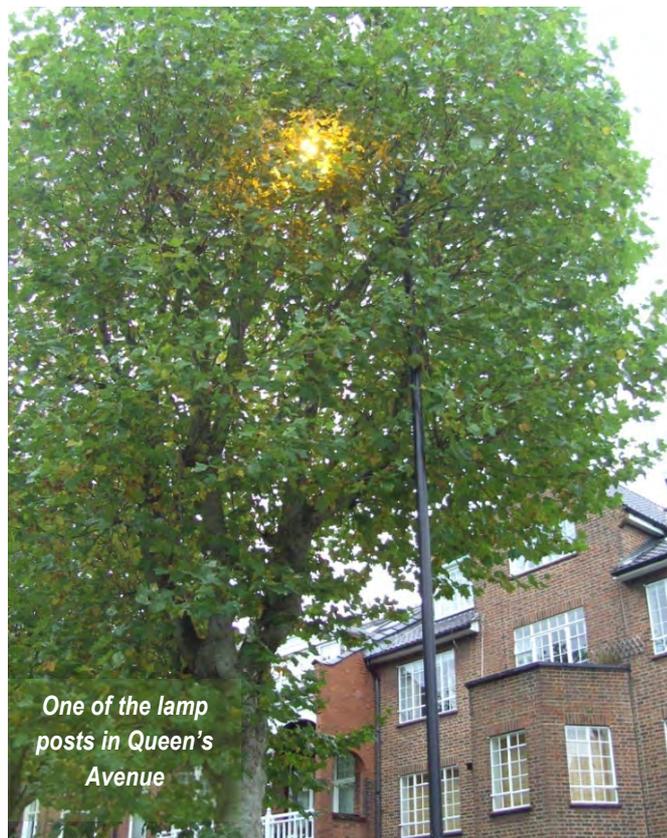
Operation ‘Autumn Nights’, the Met’s seasonal awareness campaign to combat burglary, robbery and anti-social behaviour calls on us to ‘think like a burglar to stop a burglar’ and to take steps to make our homes less vulnerable to break-ins.

#### **Car crime**

Some members, however, are complaining that this is impossible due to the night time gloom caused by their street lights, hidden in tree tops, being ineffective.

When Chairman, John Hajdu, recently got in touch with Haringey Council he said, ‘The pavements are almost pitch dark in the evening in Queen’s Avenue. As Sgt Williams of the Muswell Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team will confirm, the situation is getting worse and residents have been complaining for months, fearing for their safety. There is also a likelihood of increased crime such as breaking into cars.

‘In some cases, lowering the lamp head below the canopy of the tree would help, but in two or three cases even this will not solve the problem and the columns will have to be moved.’



*One of the lamp posts in Queen's Avenue*

The council’s response acknowledges that there are ‘a number of dark spots along Queens Avenue’ but goes on to state: ‘the street would benefit from maintenance to improve the positions of the lamp columns...however, funding for planned maintenance of our highways is limited and unfortunately does not allow us to address this issue through the maintenance budget.’

#### **Simple steps**

John says, ‘Haringey’s reply is both disappointing and worrying. Although we have obtained a promise that some tree pruning will take place, it would be more reassuring if the council could take steps to plan its budgets to take into account the advice of our local police teams. Members and residents alike would feel safer in our streets if just a few simple steps were taken.’

### 👉 Meeting to come 👈

Wednesday 14 November, 8pm, Garden Room,

North Bank

#### **The future of Alexandra Palace - new thinking and recent developments**

Chief Executive, Duncan Wilson, will be talking about the latest Ally Pally news including the outcome of the multi-million pound Heritage Lottery Fund bid which could mean refurbishment on a grand scale.

*(See the reports on page 3 for more on Ally Pally and on Duncan.)*

North Bank, 28 Pages Lane, is almost opposite Pages Hill. The 234 bus passes the door and buses 134, 43, 102 and 299 stop nearby. There is parking for those who need it.

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# Saima's

## Membership Column

### Dear Member

Can you believe it is literally just a few weeks to Christmas! Where has all this time gone? And what a year it's been: we had the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympics, the Paralympics and the wettest summer in a hundred years! And now we are nearly at the end of this very busy Leap Year! It feels like someone pressed the 'fast forward' button and forgot to put it back to normal! Is it just me losing the plot or do you feel the same too? Do write in and let us know.

### New members

Our latest members include: **Mandy Rabin** and **Amnon Cohen**, **David Gilbert** and **Mary Medyckj** and **Anthony Hugh Cumberbirch**: all of them live in Lauradale Road! We also have **Will** and **Danielle Scott** of Ringwood Avenue, **Julia Edwards** of Seymour Court, **Gill** and **Jack Bierschenk** of Queens Avenue and **The Muswell Hill Bowling Club**. The warmest of autumn welcomes goes to all of you. Thank you for choosing to support us.

### Member of the month

Our eminent member of the month is **David Frith** of Rookfield Avenue. David has been a resident in the area for nearly fifty years. A planner by profession, David has worked for the London Borough of Haringey, where he helped set up the Planning Department in 1965. After leaving the Council, David worked as a planning inspector for the then Department of the Environment. Currently, David serves as the Hornsey Historical Society's Conservation Officer and when he can spare some time from watching cricket at Lords, he leads a number of history walks in the area – you may have accompanied him on some of these.

David also sits on the Alexandra Palace and Park Advisory Committee and the Muswell Hill Conservation Area Advisory Committee. We also have the privilege of knowing that David is writing a book on the history of the Rookfield Estate, so look out for its forthcoming publication!

### Members' topic

In the last issue of the Newsletter, a plea was made for more members to take on Association roles. Well, you may not need to hear it again but it would be great to see you helping out, perhaps as a member of the Committee or in a smaller role. All these jobs can be made to suit your commitments.

If, at the moment, you can't fit this in, how about writing in with an idea or two about how our Association can grow and develop or what about suggesting a new project or campaign we can take on?

### My details

Please keep your comments and feedback coming in. My contact details are: MHFGA, PO Box 56960, London N10 9BA or email: [saimawilliams@live.co.uk](mailto:saimawilliams@live.co.uk)

Don't forget our Facebook group. Leave a post at: <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/group.php?gid=56250985945>



## Bulletin board

**OUR THANKS** go to member, Joan Coombes, who, kindly, took on the rather embarrassing task of 'phoning those members who have not yet paid their subs for this year to remind them that the due date was in May. Joan, your efforts are much appreciated.

Please do check your records to ensure you have paid your subs. This, and donations, are the only funds available to our Association and we are all volunteers giving up our spare time to benefit our area and the people who live and work here.

**SPARE COPIES** of this Newsletter are available to members who may wish to pass them on to neighbours or local friends for recruitment purposes. Please contact John Hajdu; his details are on the back page.

**DO YOU HAVE** any news items of interest to our members that you would like the Newsletter to publish? If so, the deadline for contributions to the January Newsletter is Sunday, 16 December.

## Snippets corner

\* Our Association is working closely with the East Finchley group, WalksafeN2. At the recent Area Environment Committee meeting, the group's campaign for a zebra crossing in Creighton Avenue was progressed by winning a unanimous vote from the committee. There are still concerns, however, about the speed of traffic entering Creighton Avenue from the High Road.

The plans will, eventually, go to public consultation.

\* There is to be a compost giveaway on Sunday 11 November, from 10am to 3pm at the Paddock Car Park in Alexandra Park. It has been organised by Sustainable Haringey with compost made at the Edmonton Eco Park.

You will need to collect your own compost so bring strong bags and shovels.

\* The Hornsey Journal has disappeared. It will be replaced by an e-edition of the Broadway Ham & High. This format was once available in printed form years ago. This means that there will only be two reporters covering our area for the new combined paper but they will be those who also work on the Ham & High.

The reporter from the Ham & High who previously dealt with Muswell Hill and Fortis Green has now left.

\* Receipt of Veolia's information about changes to refuse and recycling collection day has been rather patchy in our area with some members reporting that they have been given a new collection calendar and sticky label for their green bins, while others have not. If you have difficulties in this area, please let John Hajdu know. See the back page for his details.

\* New signs have been erected at the Colney Hatch Lane beds, our community project. They are attracting public attention and are clearly effective in promoting our work. A working party in October met to do a general clear-up. However, volunteers are still needed. Contact Brian Livingston (details on page 8) if you can help.

# Alexandra Palace news and views

## from Denis Heathcote



Exciting developments at the Palace are anticipated if the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund, proves successful. £16.5M, with another £6.655M of matched funding, is to be put towards restoration of derelict space, and putting it back into public use. If the bid is fully successful, works will not be completed until late 2016.

### More access

Refurbishment of the East Court will provide access to the theatre, the BBC studios and to the ice rink. The historic fabric and services of the East Court would be repaired and renewed and the existing features replaced. As well as making the space more attractive this will open up access routes within the Palace. It is intended that the East Court would be open seven days a week and contain a café alongside displays on the history of the Palace and of the BBC studios.

### Theatre activities

The theatre's £8 million refurbishment is the most expensive part of the proposal. It would become a 'found space', not a full restoration, for a wide range of activities. It is envisaged that works would enable flexible use of the theatre, to accommodate theatrical performances, music concerts, film shows, awards ceremonies, dinners and conferences. A flat floor will be needed to allow these diverse activities to take place and something will almost certainly need to be done to improve the challenging acoustic of the theatre.

A single operator will not be sought for the theatre. Instead, individual events will be mounted by a number of interested bodies, with whom discussions have been started.

### BBC studios

The proposed refurbishment of the BBC areas covers the former Marconi/EMI studio and the Baird studios, with the possibility of restoring at least some openings in the colonnade overlooking the terrace which were blocked by the BBC during its occupation. The studios are likely to be open to the public at weekends and by appointment during weekdays. They would house displays about the history of broadcast television

although not a permanently-staffed museum as such.

There would also be some re-landscaping of the Eastern approach to the Palace. This might affect the car parking

on the funfair car park. However, no increase in the total number of car parking spaces in the park (1492) is proposed, nor would it be likely to secure permission.

The bid emphasises proposed work with partners in interpreting the history of the studios and theatre and creation of a wide ranging programme of educational and community events. Bidders' plans must show how they will reach out to communities and people outside the usual visitors. The bid therefore includes funds for appointment of an additional learning officer and a volunteer co-ordinator. There will also be an archives and digitisation programme to draw on television and theatre archives held by other bodies.

### New hotel

The proposed hotel development is to be on the site of the Panorama Room. The ground floor would mainly be occupied by publicly accessible function and dining rooms as well as a bar and lounge. On this basis, 130 rooms of a four star hotel size would be feasible. A higher number might be possible if another storey were to be built, set back from the front of the Palace. Whether these design parameters would attract an hotel operator remains to be seen. Planning and listed building consent would be needed in due course.

### Park improvements

In the park, £220,000 is to be spent on improving access around Campsbourne and New River Village areas. Although the funding is mainly intended to improve routes for pedestrians and cyclists across the main railway line, there will be benefits in terms of improved pathways, drainage and boundaries and the creation of a wildflower meadow.

The Board of Trustees has approved a 12 month trial closure of two of the 11 open entrances to the park, at the Grove and Park Avenue North, probably between 11.00pm and 5.30am, as a deterrent to antisocial behaviour and petty vandalism. The start date is not yet known, partly because a gateway to the Grove entrance has to be manufactured, but the closures will be publicised by posters, on the Palace website and by means of Residents' Association newsletters.

## Will Duncan save Ally Pally?

OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER, Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive of Alexandra Palace and Park, is set to provide us with a fascinating insight into the destiny of our area's most iconic landmark. Duncan hopes to return Ally Pally to its former glory and is overseeing the biggest and most realistic regeneration programme the building has ever seen.

On 14 November at North Bank (*see front page for details*) he will update us on the progress of the bid for funding the proposed works and will answer our Pally questions. Duncan's CV certainly suggests that if anyone can bring about the large-scale regeneration that is planned, it is he.

### Heritage champion

Previous to his current post, he was responsible for the maintenance of one of Europe's finest and most extensive groups of Baroque buildings at the Greenwich Foundation for the Old Royal Naval College. He also initiated a programme of major open air public events, Chapel concerts and Painted Hall dinners. An art interpretation and education centre for the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site, 'Discover Greenwich', was opened in 2010.

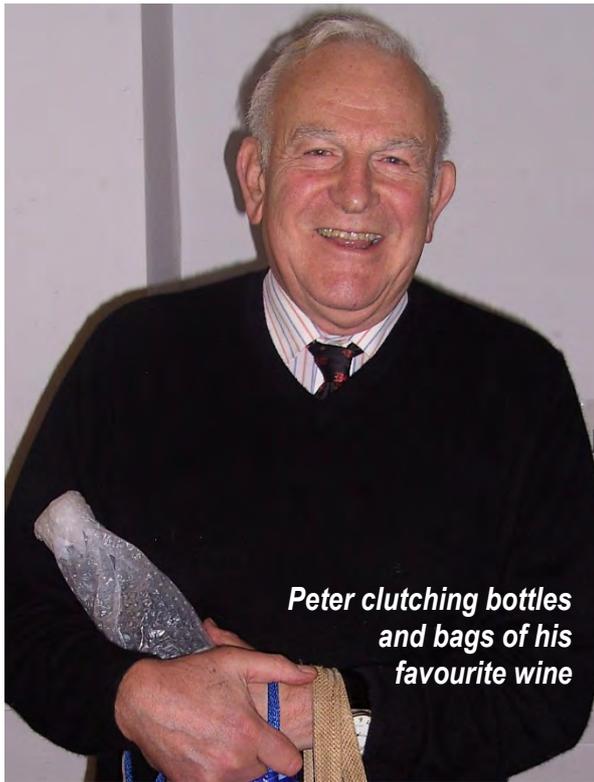
Prior to 2002 Duncan worked at Somerset House Trust, where he led the project to restore the public spaces and open the site to the public.

He was awarded the OBE for services to heritage in 2007.



**Duncan Wilson, the speaker at our November meeting**

# Peter raises a glass to us



*Peter clutching bottles and bags of his favourite wine*

ASSOCIATION LEGAL EAGLE, Peter Thompson, may have stood down from the Committee at our last AGM, but it wasn't until our November meeting that we had a chance to honour his contribution with a speech from John Hajdu and a presentation. Peter had many strings to his Association bow and acted as our representative with the Haringey Federation of Residents' Associations as well as the Muswell Hill Sustainability Group. On top of that, he oversaw our Muswell Hill Festival work.

John, in his tribute to Peter, stated that he had joined the Committee in 2001 despite pressure of many other commitments and that he had offered much 'excellent and

valuable advice on many different subjects, in his measured tones.'

'We have looked upon Peter as our father figure,' John continued, 'and will, of course, miss him, but he will continue to represent us at the Haringey Federation of Residents' Association's meetings and at those dealing with the Muswell Hill Festival.'

Peter says, 'What an exciting evening: two presentations! First we had an inspiring showcase of their work by the young people at Exposure. This went down very well and I was delighted to see such an appreciative attendance.'

'The second presentation was, of course, a charming speech by John about my contributions to the work of the Association over the years and a gift of mouth-watering bottles of Australian red wine, reflecting my taste exactly. It was a generous gift, quite out of proportion to my committee work, which has given me so much pleasure. Thank you all for your great kindness.'

## Horticulture fans seek friends

THE MUSWELL HILL and District Horticultural Society celebrated 100 years of horticulture in Haringey this summer but has now been left struggling to find local gardeners to join its enthusiastic ranks and its much reduced committee. Without a secretary and someone to handle membership, the society will have no option but to consider throwing in the 'trowel'.

Fortunately, a hard-hitting members' letter, several items in the local press and the recent AGM, have brought encouraging offers of help. The group has decided to hold a smaller meeting shortly for all parties interested in bolstering the committee to take the Society forward to its bi-centennial.

If you are a local gardener and would be interested in finding out more about membership generally and committee vacancies in particular, please call or text Kit Greveson on 020 8340 0557 or 07507 138582. Alternatively, email [n10gardeners@googlemail.com](mailto:n10gardeners@googlemail.com) with your contact details.

'We're not out of the woods yet,' says Kit, 'so please help us to continue our historic gardening tradition in Haringey.'

**The MH&DHS is organising a CHRISTMAS OUTING.**  
**As yet, the date and location are not available, however, if you are interested, please contact Kit. Her details are above.**

## Pinkham Way plant plans grind on

*AT A RECENT industry event, the executive director of Veolia (a leading bidder for the Pinkham Way contract) is reported to have said, 'I don't think I'd want a waste facility near my home, I have to say.' Nor do the members of the Pinkham Way Alliance! The group's Susie Holden sends us the following update.*

Despite the planning structure required for its waste plant at Pinkham Way being in disarray, the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) is lurching forward with a huge, 30-year procurement process.

Over the summer, two important planning decisions were announced by

two separate inspectors.

Firstly, the inspector of Haringey's Strategic Policies (formerly known as 'Core Strategy') refused the council's specious attempt to redesignate the Pinkham Way site as 'industrial' land.

However, their attempts to diminish the conservation status of the site have not been stopped, it seems. In a recent consultation, the Pinkham Way Alliance, supported by residents, has asked the inspector for clarification and reasoning around this point.

Secondly, the inspector examining the North London Waste Plan (NLWP),

**If you would like to support the work of the Pinkham Way Alliance, visit [www.PinkhamWayAlliance.org](http://www.PinkhamWayAlliance.org) for more details.**  
**Alternatively, write to Pinkham Way Alliance, c/o Hollickwood School, Sydney Road, N10 2NL**

which has been five years in the making, has thrown the plan out as legally unsound.

Meanwhile, the NLWA has chosen to ignore all of this - claiming the NLWP process to be 'over' - and continues with its procurement.

The intention is to finalise a contractor for the Pinkham Way plant this year. But with a botched procurement for the West Coast train services all over the news, now is surely the time to look very closely at an organisation on the verge of committing to a multi-billion-pound public spend.

This is especially important when they're shopping for a waste plant that will need a solid stream of waste for more than 30 years to make it economically viable.

The application to make the Pinkham Way site a Town Green is ongoing.

# Muswell Hill gets media savvy with Exposure

OUR OCTOBER MEETING speakers were greeted with enthusiasm by members keen to find out more about Exposure, a multi-award winning charitable youth media enterprise with a branch based in the Muswell Hill Centre.

Editor, Gary Flavell, who originally joined Exposure as a 15-year-old client, talked about the organisation's mission to enable young people to thrive by getting involved in media work. In fact, Exposure has a growing record of members who have found success as journalists, film makers, writers publishing their own books and media professionals in various areas.

'Young people come forward,' explained Gary, 'to find a platform to express themselves. Some just want to write and we teach them this and about what people want to read – we give them a voice. They get help with literacy too.'

Exposure is best known for its flagship youth magazine and we heard how young members contribute ideas and write about occasionally personal and sensitive issues. Additionally, they are involved in the magazine's distribution: it goes to every school in Haringey as well as youth clubs and places like swimming pools.

The organisation is also involved in design and print, advertising, photography, branding, video and web-based media. It has produced short awareness-raising films such as 'Bullied' and 'Get tested' about STDs, which we viewed: it was commissioned by Haringey and Enfield NHS Trust. There is a comedy drama too and we were treated to a showing of episodes one and two. A music video was then played. It was produced by young people and a music teacher and featured the song 'Everybody Dreams'. It seeks to project a positive image



Speakers from Exposure: from left, Jalil Gibson, Florence Codjoe and Gary Flavell

of the Tottenham community after the summer of disorder there. All film editing is in-house.

We got to meet Florence Codjoe, Exposure's development officer, who talked about what it was like to work in such an exciting area. Jalil Gibson, a young Exposure member, spoke as well to tell us how his life had been turned around after he had become part of this creative environment. His confidence has grown and he has now got a stronger sense of direction.

A message received from Gary on behalf of Exposure has this to say: 'we would like to say thank you for being given the opportunity to present the project to the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Residents' Association. We're always working to ensure that as many young people are aware of Exposure's activities as possible - we often forget about the other generations! It was also an excellent opportunity for the young person we brought along with us. This was his first experience talking in front of a crowd and he benefitted immensely.'

## Accessible bus stop arrives

A BUS STOP near the roundabout at Muswell Hill for route W7 is, at last, to be built, says Chris Barker, our Transport/Highway Officer. He goes on to say that it is disappointing that the 144 will not be included. The problem is that the space there is restricted and it is necessary to ensure that only one bus is at the stop at a time.

Chris continues, 'We have argued that this could be easily overcome by instructing drivers not to leave the stand until the stop is vacant. There is a possibility that the situation will be reviewed and we will continue to press for the 144 to be included.'

The campaign to site a bus stop here was launched to help people with mobility difficulties who find the present loading point on Muswell Hill inaccessible because of the steep slope. The new stop will be outside Boots.

Nevertheless, it is still necessary to lengthen this stretch of pavement and this will be done by building out the pavement at the entry to Muswell Hill Broadway (the north arm) and to Dukes Avenue.

### Trial period

The taxi rank is to be relocated to Dukes Avenue. The present stop on the hill will be retained in addition to the new stop for those accessing the stop from the school and from the Parklands Walk.

Initially there will be a six-month trial period. The building work has already begun.

## New trees to adorn our streets

THIS WINTER Haringey Council is proposing to plant 44 replacement trees in Fortis Green ward and 66 in Alexandra ward. New trees are also scheduled to be planted in Cranley Gardens and Etheldene Avenue.

Its tree maintenance programme will see winter works in Etheldene Avenue, Fortis Green Road, Fortis Green, Midhurst Avenue, Woodside Avenue, Tetherdown and Coppetts Road. The 'royal' avenues of Muswell Hill are covered as well.

The summer works will be mainly within the Dukes Avenue, Alexandra Park Road and Rhodes Avenue area.



## Deteriorating Muswell Hill

I am quite aware of the crisis our Association is experiencing currently in terms of recruitment of volunteers to carry out tasks which are crucial in promoting our organisation or indeed to keep it running effectively. The replacement of our Planning Officer is an example. Hand on heart, I am only too sad that personally, I haven't got the skills to meet the requirements of a planning officer. I have worked in local government for over 30 years, but planning was not one of my areas of expertise.

### Money first

I must confess that I am quite envious that residents in the Highgate area are making such good use of the Localism Act 2011 to promote and to protect their area. Meanwhile, we here in Muswell Hill are having to put up with all the ill-doings of external property developers and landlords who have absolutely no appreciation or interest in our area, but simply put personal financial interest first.

### Disgraceful

Muswell Hill is a small place and any unattractive point of entry will tarnish its reputation and people will deem it not a desirable place to live. Apart from the lack of maintenance of rental properties, the continuing trend of satellite dishes (some of which are in the conservation area) being erected at the front of properties and crossovers, even car markings at the front of properties are absolutely disgraceful. For those of us who appreciate and love living in Muswell Hill, it is heartbreaking to watch it deteriorate in this way. I am, indeed, so saddened.

I pray that we may find a solution to retain the dignity of the place we know and love.

*Jane Thompson  
Colney Hatch Lane*

## A lido with the fear factor

Your picture of the Durnsford Road pool (*September issue*) brought back many memories. Although I like the Sunshine Garden Centre, I miss the pool. When at school, I used to go

there with my friends in the summer. The diving board was so high it was truly scary to climb up the steps and see the vast distance to the water below. Although I managed to jump off the board several times, always with heart in mouth, I never dived off that top board. When a brave person attempted it, the whole crowd was hushed in awe. Fearsome. A board of that height would not be permitted today. I should add that it was not uncommon for someone to climb up the steps to the top board, view the water from that great height and then descend. That was a humiliating experience for them!

*Amanda Davidson  
Grove Avenue*

## Muswell Hill bowling club set to revive

This local club, surrounded by King's Avenue, Queen's Avenue and Tetherdown, is over a hundred years old. It was established in 1901 when Muswell Hill as we know it was being built. Its members are working to maintain the club following several years of declining membership. Our key aims are:

- to continue to attract new playing members, and non-playing members who are ready to be actively involved in the club;
- to improve local awareness of the club and to encourage visitors and the use of the clubhouse for non-bowling activities.

In 2012 the club had a significant net gain in membership and it played many friendly as well as competitive matches outside the club in the north London area. The men's team reached the final of the Finchley and District President's Cup for the first time. The club held several sessions for new bowlers and has featured in newsletters and local publications, and targeted circulars to encourage prospective members to visit the club.

The club is looking to expand its membership next season (which starts in April 2013), both with playing members and social members. If you are interested please contact the club.

We would also welcome other support. Perhaps you could help with the green or surrounds of the club, have DIY skills, or might help with more organisational tasks.

The next main event for the club is our Annual General Meeting fixed for 10.30am on Sunday 25 November at the club. Members of the MHFGA are welcome to attend this meeting. The entrance to the club is next to 34 King's Avenue – near the junction with Queen's Avenue.

Contact information: please contact Paul Chapman (0208 4421875) or [paul.chapman.69@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.chapman.69@btinternet.com) for further any further information.

*Jacqueline Servat  
Queen's Avenue*

*(Editor's note: Jacqueline would be happy to hear from you if you wish to discuss her championing of the club and how you might help. Please see the back page for her contact details.)*

## Smug and aloof

While it has sometimes been good to see Muswell Hill steadily 'upgraded', this has brought with it a certain smug complacency in increasingly large numbers of the residents. This can be seen most clearly in their attitude to community. It's as though residency with an N10 postcode confers on these people a superior aloofness that precludes any willingness to knuckle down and help others and be part of something larger.

### Injustice

This Association, on the face of it, appears to buck the trend. I would suggest, however, that its proclivity to concentrate on flower beds and other superficial matters is a serious flaw. Our society is riven with so much injustice, deprivation and ignorance that flowers, plaques and clocks pale into insignificance.

### Moribund

What has happened to the campaigning zeal of the 70s? Where is the drive to step forward and get involved in the less glamorous side of local life? I fear that without an injection of real spirit and an improved sense of what it really means to be part of a community, MHFGA and other rather bland groups like it, are increasingly irrelevant and moribund.

*Name supplied  
Dukes Avenue*

## WANTED!

*Your Editor wants your letters for this page. Post, email or phone them through and make your voice heard! Newsletter office contact details are on the back page.*

# (No) Planning matters

**That's right, none! This feature will resume normal service when there is a new Association Planning Officer.**



## New school gets thumbs up from locals

OUR ASSOCIATION has been in close contact with our newest local school, Eden Primary, following its progress throughout the construction of its buildings and working together with its leaders on such matters as traffic management outside the school. Association member, Peter Kessler, chair of the school's governors, gives us the following update:

The building was completed on time, and is now in operation, with two year groups of children: last year's reception class, who are now in Year 1, and the new reception class, who joined in September. Each class has 30 children, and when the school has built up to full capacity in five years'

time, there will be 210 children there, ranging from age 4 to 11.

The building has been designed to fit into its environment, full of curves and natural features. It is clad in cedar, which will age to a silvery grey within a few years.

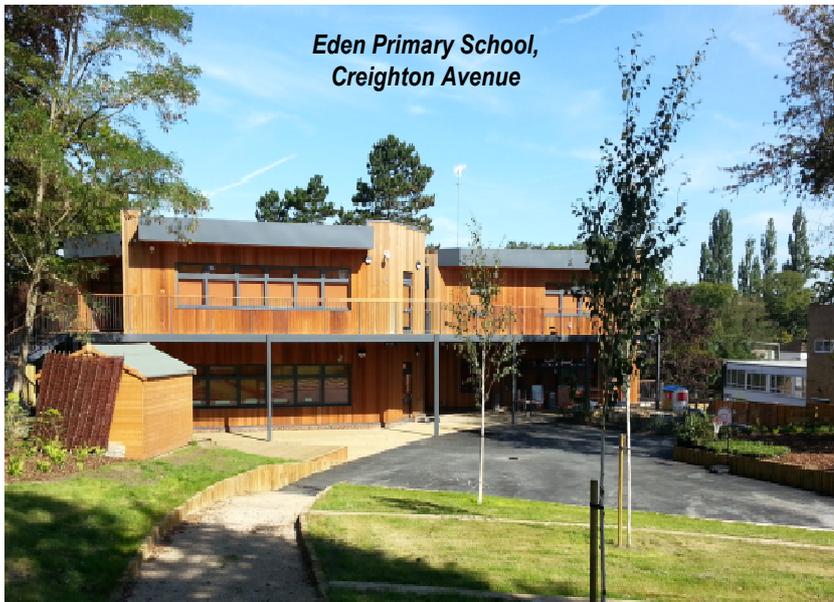
Last week, I had the privilege of showing Association Chairman, John Hajdu, around the finished building. It was hard to believe that less than two years had passed since I sat in his living room describing our hopes and plans for the new school.

The concept of a faith school, particularly a Jewish one, that is open to all irrespective of their religious affiliation, is new and exciting, and it has definitely struck a chord with the local community: we currently have over 300 people booked to attend our next open evening for prospective parents.

It has always been our intention that Eden Primary should have good relations with our neighbours. Over the last fourteen months there has been a small number of incidences of inconsiderate parking by parents dropping children off at school. These have all been dealt with promptly and decisively, and we do encourage local residents to let the school know if they are inconvenienced.

All new families at the school receive a copy of our Travel Plan, which is geared towards minimising the traffic impact of the school. We will shortly be announcing an Open Day, when members of the local community – including of course members of our Association – will be welcome to come and explore the new building at their leisure.

For more details, please do check our website regularly: [www.edenprimary.org.uk](http://www.edenprimary.org.uk)



## En10ergy buzzes with energy

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT GROUP, En10ergy, following its AGM, has been busy summarising its remarkable tally of achievements up to March and discussing where energy campaigners should next direct their efforts.

The society's community benefit spans three main areas: using Feed In Tariffs from its solar PV panels to assist five local primary schools carry out an energy audit of their premises; working with the local authority to reduce energy use in homes and businesses in the Muswell Hill Low Carbon Zone (LCZ) and holding talks, activities and events in and around Muswell Hill to inform people about global warming and enable them to make informed choices about reducing their energy needs.

### Carbon footprint

The energy audits for schools this year have dealt with how savings can be made. They were followed up with advice tailored for each school, information about possible local contractors and project management assistance.

The 100 Homes project, which helps households to reduce their carbon emissions, has seen participants lowering their carbon footprints by 16%. More homes, here and in less affluent areas of Haringey, are now benefitting from the project.

### Plastic bags

As a result of the LCZ, the Society has worked closely with Haringey Council on their ambitious programme to reduce carbon emissions in the borough by 40% by 2020.

The Low Carbon Buying Group, which gives discounts to residents buying energy saving measures and renewables, has been successful with 40 households taking part in the scheme.

The Society was present at various local events providing information about energy reduction and practical draught-proofing workshops have been held in private homes with talks given by environment experts. Members are also attending low carbon meetings around the UK to publicise its achievements.

In October 2011, the Society provided insurance cover for a compost giveaway and has been active in developing an initiative to reduce the use of plastic bags.

Email Peter Thompson at [aoby37@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:aoby37@dsl.pipex.com) for more.

# MUSWELL HILL & FORTIS GREEN ASSOCIATION

(affiliated to the Haringey Federation of Residents' Associations)

## OTHER PEOPLE'S EVENTS

**ALEXANDRA PALACE ORGAN CONCERTS:** Silent Film Night is taking place on FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 7.30pm (date to be confirmed). The organist is Donald Mackenzie of the Odeon in Leicester Square. It will be preceded by a supper at 5.30pm which must be booked in advance by calling 01753 868 992 or 0208 870 4082.

Tickets for all concerts are £10 and £7 for members. Student entry is free. For further information contact 01 727861 555 or visit [www.allypallyorgan.org.uk](http://www.allypallyorgan.org.uk)

Become a Friend of the Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal for £15 pa and receive regular mailings. Write to The Treasurer, 41 Vanderbilt Road, London, SW18 3BG with your contact details and cheque or PO.

**FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD:** On SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER, A working group will meet from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Tools are provided but bring protective gloves and, if possible, a mobile phone to keep in touch with the working party leader. Meet at The Lodge. Ring Lucy Roots on 8883 8875 for more information or visit the Friends' website. The address is [www.fqw.org.uk/events/](http://www.fqw.org.uk/events/)

**HIGHGATE CHORAL SOCIETY:** The Dream of Gerontius with conductor, Ronald Corp, will be performed on SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER at 7.30pm in All Hallows Church, Savernake Road, NW3. Tickets may be bought at [www.hcschoir.com](http://www.hcschoir.com) or Les Aldrich Music Centre in Muswell Hill.

On SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER, Family Carols will be performed at 6.00pm in St Michael's Church, Highgate. For tickets, see above.

**MUSWELL HILL FRIENDS OF THE EARTH:** the group meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month at the Friends Meeting House, Church Crescent, N10 3NE. For more details contact Tim Root on [tim@timroot.net](mailto:tim@timroot.net) or call him on 8340 7764 or 07726 793265.

**MUSWELL & HIGHGATE PENSIONERS' ACTION GROUP:** Members of the group meet regularly at Hilledene Court, 11 Alexandra Park Road, in the lounge on the first floor. A lift is available. Phone Janet Shapiro on 8883 9571 or email her at [janet.rmshapiro@btopenworld.com](mailto:janet.rmshapiro@btopenworld.com) for more details.

**NORTH BANK:** weekly exercise classes for the over 60s take place in the Garden Room on FRIDAYS. The Fitness Plus class is from 10.30-11.15am and the General Fitness class is at 11.45-12.30pm. Sessions are £2. For more information phone David Restarick on 8365 2466 or email [community@mhmc.org.uk](mailto:community@mhmc.org.uk)

**MET POLICE DROP-IN SURGERIES:** our local Safer Neighbourhood Teams' next drop-in surgeries take place on SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER from 2.30-3.30pm in St Andrews Church, WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER from 6-6.30pm in Muswell Hill Library and WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER from 6-6.30pm in Jenny's Restaurant on Muswell Hill Broadway.