

Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

Incorporating Alexandra Ward

MEMORIES OF MUSWELL HILL

Diana O'Sullivan, a long-standing and active member of MHFGA writes:

I have a deep-rooted association with and love of Muswell Hill.

My parents bought the house in which I now live, over 65 years ago. Muswell Hill now only has one shop that was there years ago and that is Martyn's tea and coffee shop (or emporium which we called it!).



I attended St. James' Primary School which was on Fortis Green, a beautiful little school with a majestic oak tree right in the middle of the playground. I was very disheartened when it was demolished, along with the fire station, to make way for a nursing home and flats.

During my youth the Broadway was mostly made up of individual retailers: Maxwell's the hat shop, Humphrey's and Leonard Lyle the outfitters for men. (That

is where I had my first Saturday job). I can remember my mother taking me to Lyons and the Dairy: both were interesting places to meet friends for afternoon tea. The Banderilla coffee bar on Fortis Green is where we sat and debated on life.

The current Sainsbury's building was built on a site which was previously a fabulous building called The Athenaeum. I had my first ballet classes there. The ballroom was majestic with marble pillars, really lovely.

In my teenage years I found out that the Odeon was going to close so I made up a petition and stood outside and many people signed it. So I feel rather chuffed that it is still a cinema.

Most of my working career was in the music business, working in various roles in record companies. I worked for Anchor Records in the Alice Cooper days and then moved to RCA Records in Mayfair. We hoped Elvis would visit but he never did! However, David Bowie and Lou Reed made up for his absence! Then came the Swedish company called Sonet. Being an International Manager meant accompanying artists around the world. I couldn't believe I was paid to have such a fun job. Finally I worked in Billy Ocean's management company. After many years in the music business I became disillusioned and so I left.

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I saw an advertisement for garden courses at Capel Manor Horticultural College. I applied and did two courses which started me on the road to what I enjoy now. I love to go to clients' gardens and transform the planting into beautiful places to sit.

I still enjoy the area, having moved back from Southgate three years ago, but changes are happening so fast I am not sure how much longer my love affair with this very special Muswell Hill will continue. We shall see.



The Athenaeum, 1905

Don't forget Bill Tyler's walk on Saturday 2nd July!

Bill will be leading a Members' Walk starting at 11am through Coppetts Wood and the Islington/St Pancras Cemetery. Meet at the middle entrance to Coldfall Wood on Creighton Avenue, almost opposite Ringwood Avenue. Finish at The Bald Faced Stag at about 1pm. Stout shoes recommended.

AGM



Our AGM on 18th May was very well attended with about 40 members coming along to hear about the work and achievements of the Association over the past year. In spite of the noise from the floor of the pub below, our Chair, John Hajdu, manfully delivered his report covering all aspects of the Association's activities by the various committee members. The report and the minutes of the meeting are available on our website. The evening was hosted and catered most generously by the Mossy Tavern for which we are very grateful. The food was plentiful and delicious!

One of the things that John mentioned in his report was the importance of members' participation in the activities of the Association. There are many contributions that members can make on a regular or casual basis: helping to organise our meetings, delivering the newsletter, assisting with maintaining the flower beds and containers, and helping to run the Association's stall. He gave thanks to all the Committee members and other members who give of their time already. Any

organisation is what its members make it and it was heartening to see so many of you at the AGM.

Genevieve Gardiner, manager at the Mossy Well, writes: "The Mossy Well was happy to host the last MHGA meeting, in which a buffet was provided. The Mossy Well has a courtyard garden that opens from 9am-9pm every day. It has an outside milk float bar, water feature and a secret woodland area, and children are welcome when accompanied by adults."



Dates for Your Diary

Members' Meetings *Coffee and biscuits are served after the talks*

8.00pm Wednesday 5 October 2016
at North Bank, Pages Lane

A talk by the Chief Executive of Alexandra Palace

Further details in the next issue of the Newsletter

8.00pm **THURSDAY** 10 November 2016
at The Clissold Arms, Fortis Green

Italian Wine Tasting

Have Your Say

Muswell Hill Library

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association I drew attention to the article by John Crompton in the May/June Newsletter on the future of Muswell Hill Library, which is accompanied by an excellent letter from Lydia Rivlin. It was my intention to move that the Association should strongly oppose the possible movement of the Library from its present building to alternative accommodation which I understand could be in the reconstructed Green Man.

The site of the Library was given to the Hornsey Council by Edmondson, the developer of the shops in the Broadway and the houses in Queens Avenue, for the purpose of erecting a fire station and it was so used until the present Library building was erected. The Library is of architectural interest being designed in 1931 by W H Adams, the Borough Engineer of Hornsey who was also a qualified architect, and is listed Grade II as being of Architectural and Historic interest. Apart from the attractive details of the building, it contains on the first floor a mural painted by students of the Hornsey College of Art in 1937-8 illustrating a somewhat imaginative interpretation of knights and the nuns of Clerkenwell at the original Mosewelle.

Although the building presents some difficulty of access, the points made by John Crompton are relevant to this and his suggestion of the alternative of using the proceeds from the sale of part of the site to improve the access certainly bears closer examination.

In addition, in my view the present position of the Library is ideal for pedestrian access and if it were moved to the Green Man, while the access within the building might well be better than the existing Library, the approaches, particularly for children, would be far more difficult.

David Frith

Disgusting Debris in Queens Avenue

Alongside and on behalf of many other residents of Queens Avenue (and probably of those living in the surrounding streets as well), I would like to voice my utter disgust for repeatedly being witness to the state of neglect in which some of our streets, just paces off the Broadway and shopping area, are being kept.

This picture illustrates one of the worst affected corners, that of Queens Avenue with Queens Lane, where commercial bins are regularly overflowing, with openly exposed litter piling up on the Avenue pavement which, thanks to the foxes, are bursting out their various contents right in the way of passers-by. There



have been numerous attempts over at least a year to convince the local Council, the cleaning contractors, Veolia, and other parties responsible for health and safety in our community, finally to put an end to this despicable situation in an otherwise very respectable conservation area.

How much longer until our voice is finally heard and long-lasting, effective action implemented?

Jacqueline Servat

Alex's Corner

Membership Renewal

The new subscription year started on the 1st of May and it's time for membership renewal. If you paid for a single year, you will get a reminder either by email or in your letterbox. To renew, please complete the membership form in this issue of the Newsletter or download it from www.mhfga.org, where you can also pay by credit or debit card. Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the Association: it helps us budget our projects more effectively and simplifies our administration. You can also contact me (details below) and I shall make sure you get the form through your door.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest members: Ian & Lesley Webster of The Avenue; Pauline Rippon of Cranley Gardens; Vivienne Smith of Queens Avenue; Stephanie & N. Ramamurthy of Muswell Hill Road; Stephen Steppens of Keynes Close; Ellis Torrell of Nightingale Lane; Alan Martin of Elms Avenue; Laura Jane Howard of Ringwood Avenue; and Loretta Mitchell-Mahmud of Fortis Green. We are also delighted to announce six new corporate members: Flesh & Flour, Fortis Green Road; Muddy Boots, Fortis Green Road; Poppy Rose, Fortis Green Road; 1104 Architects, Wilton Road; House of Nails, Fortis Green Road; and Knidos Café Brasserie.

This takes to 35 the number of local businesses and organisations supporting the Association. Below is their complete list. Links to their websites are being added at www.mhfga.org.

1104 Architects (Chris Roche), Barkers for Dogs (Dawn Rodriguez), Bill's Restaurant (Sebi Spano), Clissold Arms (George Kyriakos Karageorgis), Creative Writing (Nichola Charalambou), Chriskitch (Chris Honor), Duo-Klier (Talia Ramos & Pablo Castro), Elsa (Saliha Demirel), Everyman Cinema (Will Green), Excel English Language School (Judy Loren), Feast (Roger Ward CBE), Flesh & Flour (Lewis Slayden), Fortismere School (Helen Anthony), House of Nails (Mr. Khac Tu-Bui and Ms. Thu Trang-Tran), Knidos Café Brasserie (Arkin Erdal), Muddy Boots (Miranda Ballard), Muswell Hill Bowling Club (Paul Chapman), Muswell Hill Toy Library (Liz Luxmore), Muswell Hill United Reformed Church (Adrian Stannard), NCT Haringey (Matalie Steiner), Norfolk House School (Samantha Habgood), Planet Organic (Peter Marsh), Poppy Rose (Sharon Cassidy & Tracy Hacker), Pret A Vivre (Lynda Mair), Rhodes Avenue Primary School (Adrian Hall), Robert Linsky Optometrist (Robert Linsky), St. James Church Muswell Hill (Chris Green), The John Baird (Keith Nicholas), The Mossy Well (Genevieve Gardiner), Tim Moss Furniture (Tim Moss), Toffs of Muswell Hill (George and Costas Georgiou), Topps Tiles Boutique (Sean Geb), Victory Auto Services (Mark Bharadia), WAVE (Bernice Hardie) and Woodland Tree Surgery (Christopher Hill).

Many thanks to all those who have sent donations and have offered to take an active role in the Association. We are particularly grateful to John Sparrow for his generous donation made at the AGM.

We still need help to organise meetings and finding speakers, and dealing with the press. If you are available, please contact our Chairman John Hajdu or myself (*contact details on page 2*).

Our New Corporate Members

Muddy Boots



We're a husband and wife team from a beef farm in Worcestershire. We started in 2008 and, though we still supply Waitrose and Ocado, we respectfully turned down Tesco and the other big supermarkets two years ago in favour of opening our own Modern Meat Shop in Crouch End.

We look very different from traditional butchers but we also

have over 100 British meat products from burgers and meatballs to all the joints and cuts. We learned a huge amount in our first shop, a lot of trial and error! We really hope we'll be a good addition to Muswell Hill too and would love any ideas or suggestions you have:

If you have a moment, check our website: you can see all our meat products, our prices, all about the additional farms we source from, how we make everything in our own production factory in East London and how we're able to afford to price match the supermarkets with better meat.

We've had an especially positive response to our late closing time (9pm) and that we open on Sundays as well, which is lovely. And we've had a heatwave and rainstorms our first few weeks so now I reckon we're ready for anything! Thank you to all the wonderfully welcoming people who have been to see the shop already and for the enormously helpful ideas and feedback as well.

miranda@muddybootsfoods.co.uk or 07811 948 503
muddybootsfoods.co.uk

Miranda Ballard, Co-founder



A farmers market on the high street, Flesh and Flour is a delicatessen and cafe in Muswell Hill that stocks high quality British produce. Our focus is on seeking out small craft producers

that have provenance, traceability and a positive brand identity.

We serve Monmouth coffee and brew tea as well as selling them to take home with you.

There is a Deli counter with British cheeses and charcuterie as well as fridges containing fresh dairy products, fresh meat and fish. Shelving around the shop stocks larder staples such as oils, jam, mustard etc.

Opening Hours:

Monday	9am - 5 pm
Tuesday – Friday	8am - 6 pm
Saturday	9am - 6 pm
Sunday	10am - 5 pm

The proprietor is Lewis Slayden.
www.fleshandflour.com

Shops – comings and goings

Northern arm of the Broadway

The 99p shop has become a Poundland and the AFOBI furniture shop has closed. The former Money Shop next door remains vacant. However, the most noteworthy loss is that of the Everfresh shop which sold fruit and veg as well as acting as a late closing mini supermarket and off licence. There has been a greengrocers here at no. 488 for as long as anyone can recall (remember John's?) and sadly, given the rent levels, it is unlikely that a new tenant will be found to continue this use.

The roundabout

After being closed for several months the fried chicken place on the roundabout has changed hands and is now a pizza restaurant and takeaway called Franco Manca. They have several branches across London. The same is true of the Real Greek who are planning to open a restaurant at the former "yellow" supermarket on the roundabout.

Southern part of the Broadway and Fortis Green Road

The former ice cream shop opposite the cinema has closed and has re-opened as a charity shop. Many will think it a shame that a large unit in such prominent location has added to our rapidly expanding local portfolio of such establishments. The former betting shop at no. 58/60 in the Broadway next to the fish shop is due to become Coffee Republic. The Scullery shop is having a closing down sale. The former Cafe Delicia in Fortis Green has re-opened as Knidos a Turkish Restaurant. Fortis Green Road is where most of the independent shops are located and there have been several new openings which means that it continues to offer a range of interesting goods and services which I would venture to suggest would be hard to match in any other London suburb. It is good to report that most of the new shops have retained the essential and much-loved shopfront features such as the arches. The double unit very near the junction with Queens Avenue has had many uses over recent years the current one being a nail studio. This is an illustration of the fact that services like this will become increasingly important in our high streets as there is (well not yet!) no way that these can be supplied via a computer screen.

The Association endeavours to keep a photographic record of all the comings and goings in the business premises in our town centre. You can view images of shopfronts on our website and we usually have an album or two of pictures on the stall at events like Midsummer Muswell.

John Crompton

Everyman Cinema



We finished the second phase of our works recently and the feedback has been quite overwhelming. The floor of the original foyer area has been returned to its former glory and the newly installed parquet flooring was made with reclaimed wood in order to fit it in with other existing areas of the building; many guests now just assume it has always been there. The grand Deco feel of when the cinema first opened in 1936 has been at the forefront of our thoughts when designing the refurbishment and this

hasn't been lost, though has been incorporated with a more contemporary look.

If anyone is nearby then please pop in to say hi and have to have a look around at what we've done. **Members are also welcome to have a complimentary hot drink when seeing a film.**

Nick Davey
Venue Manager

Transport News

Bus stops for Coppetts Road

After a campaign by the Association and others, London Buses agreed to install bus stops for route 234 along Pages Lane, Coppetts Road and Trott Road from 21st May. Having fixed stops will be a relief to many people who wonder whether they are standing in the right spot under the hail and ride system. It is particularly good news for residents in Gilson Place and around. Previously, drivers were unable to find a suitable stopping place near their area.

Progress at the Bald Faced Stag

We have been concerned for some time about the delays which northbound traffic experience in East Finchley High Road turning into Fortis Green. After several approaches to Barnet Council they now say they are carrying out work to consider possible options to cater for the levels of traffic using this junction. We should hear further at the end of September.

Chris Barker

Muswell Hill Library Public Consultation

Public consultation has started with a closing date of 25th August 2016. To have your say you need to complete the questionnaire which you may have received or go to www.haringey.gov.uk/mhl-public-engagement and complete the questionnaire online or attend one of the library consultation pop-up sessions details of which will be posted on the same website.

HOWEVER YOU RESPOND YOU MUST DO SO BY MONDAY 25th AUGUST 2016.

The questionnaire offers two alternatives for the future of the library. They are:

1. To remain where it is with no physical alterations so the problems of access remain, or
2. To move to the new development at the top of Muswell Hill with level access, more space and modern facilities.

There is, however, a third option which the Association does not believe has been fully explored by Haringey and that is for the library to remain at its present site and for essential works to be carried out financed by the sale or leasing of the land to the rear of the current library.

If you agree with the Association you may want to consider:

1. Checking the "Disagree" box where the questionnaire asks "To what extent do you agree with Option 1/ Option 2" in paragraphs 1a) and 2a)" and
2. In paragraphs 1b) and 2b) where you are asked to "Please explain your answer" insert the following: "I do not believe that Haringey has seriously considered the option of the library remaining at the present site and carrying out some essential capital works to the current building to be financed from the proceeds of selling or leasing the land to the rear."

Nick Barr



National Garden Scheme North West London

by Susan Bennett

When the chairman of the National Garden Scheme asked me to take on the role of Assistant County Organiser for NW London, one of the remits was "find new gardens". "How?" I wondered, "Look over fences?" I am 5' 2" and shrinking. Over fifteen years, and many fences, I have managed to put Muswell Hill, Crouch End, Tottenham, Moor Park, Winchmore Hill and Ruislip on the 'Gardens to Visit for Charity' map.

The seeds of the NGS were sown in 1859 when Liverpool industrialist and philanthropist William Rathbone began campaigning to provide nurses for the community. With the support of like-minded influential people, including Florence Nightingale and Queen Victoria, the movement grew nationally, training and setting standards, eventually leading to the creation of the Queen's Nursing Institute (QNI).

In 1926 a fund was set up in memory of Queen Alexandra, a staunch supporter, who had recently died. Committee member Elsie Wragg came up with the idea of raising money by tapping into the national passion for garden visiting, inviting owners to admit the public for the modest fee of one shilling. Many of those gardens, including the Queen's, have opened every year since 1927. Next year the NGS celebrates 90 years of raising funds for nursing and caring causes, including Marie Curie, Macmillan, Hospice UK, QNI and recently Parkinson's UK. I feel honoured to have played a small part in such an inspiring story.

It was only through generosity and imagination that healthcare was provided for the community prior to the introduction of the NHS in 1948. Even now it is charities that care for the carers and the terminally ill through the hospice movement.

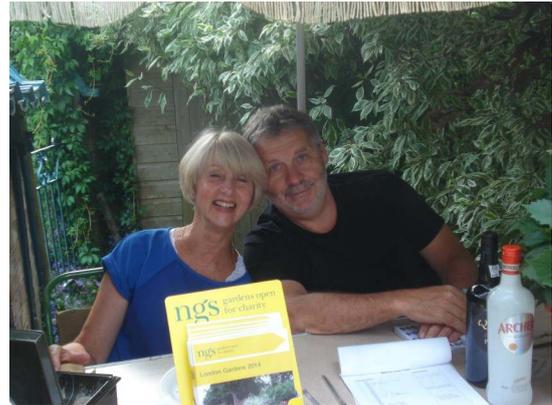
Many generous-spirited families from all walks of life are happy to share their creativity with visitors. We support each other's events, serving home-made teas, (and wine on occasion), donating plants and manning the gate as Nigel and Edwina Roberts did for us at St Regis Close. Just as plans were afoot for 2016, Nigel died suddenly at the gym. He was 62. Many couples combine individual skills culminating in a creation neither could have achieved alone. Within two years of moving to a dire plot, Nigel and Edwina made a beautiful garden, acclaimed on TV and enjoyed by hundreds of visitors. As a tribute to Nigel, Edwina is holding a 'pop-up' event to welcome visitors and friends from many facets of his life as broadcaster, writer, stand-up comedian, and allotment holder. His Man Shed is a mini-masterpiece.

Not to be outdone, I recently challenged my husband Earl to build me an oriental tea-house, with moon gate windows, from where I might gaze on the carp pond as I sip sen cha and contemplate, before dashing off to inspect a potential new

garden, meet another extraordinary personality and discover a cornucopia of inspiration. Our garden appeared on ITV's Britain's Best Back Gardens 2015 with Alan Titchmarsh. It is featured in a new book *Great Gardens of London* published by Francis Lincoln. They are always interested in featuring new gardens.

Do join in the fun. It's all in a good cause!

For information on 3,800 gardens in England and Wales open for charity see www.ngs.org or contact suebearlh@yahoo.co.uk.



Nigel and Edwina Roberts

Edwina's pop-up event

Sunday July 3rd 2-6pm

58 Summerlee Avenue N2 9QH

Admission £3.50. Children Free. Home-made teas. Plant sale. Donations of plants welcome (contact Susan via email).

Susan and Earl's events

Sunday July 17th and 24th 2-6.30pm

5 St Regis Close N10 2DE

Admission £3.50. Children Free. Delicious home-made teas. Open Studio. Mega plant sale. Supporting Burmese Refugees. Home-made teas. Plants. Sale of scarves, bags and lovely clothes from the region.

Pavements in Fortis Green Road

The longstanding campaign to renew the pavements in Fortis Green Road was eventually won in May 2016 and the work commenced shortly afterwards. The patchwork tarmac is being dug up and new paving slabs laid. The state of the pavements in the road has been a concern for many years and the residents of Muswell Hill have had to look on with envy at the pristine pavements installed in other shopping areas in the Borough. The campaign to renew the pavements has been running for ten years and local residents have regularly taken their complaints to the local Councillors highlighting the uneven surface which was likely to lead to falls and be a hazard to wheelchair users. Similarly our Association has regularly raised the issue at the Area Assemblies and the local traders have also voiced their concern with the Council. Local Councillors Gail Engert and Martin Newton have been at the forefront of the discussions with the Council which have included lobbying the Chief Executive on a number of occasions. Thank you to everyone who has helped to achieve the new pavements.

Brian Livingston

Fox-proof Bins

In addition to the new benches at Midhurst Green we have also arranged for new litter bins to be provided which cannot be accessed by foxes.

Brian Livingston



THE FORTISMERE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Based in the heart of Muswell Hill at Fortismere School, the Fortismere Community Orchestra is made up of talented and enthusiastic members of the local community, including students, instrumental teachers, composers and highly skilled amateurs.

Our next concert, with special guests from Peru, is on Saturday 2nd July, 7.30pm at St James' Church Muswell Hill. The FCO welcomes new players. If you would like to know more about joining, email the Fortismere Music Centre Manager at fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk.

HORNSEY PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP

We meet to discuss local and national issues with visiting speakers on the third Wednesday of the month.

Coming up: July 20th - local delegates report back from the National Pensioners Parliament and an "Interests bazaar".

Our meetings are held in the main church hall of Hornsey Parish Church, Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH.

Contact Ann Anderson (020 8340 8335), Pamela Jefferys (020 8444 0732), Janet Shapiro (020 8883 9571) or www.hornseypensionersactiongroup.org.uk

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST JAMES CHURCH?

Community Cafe - Tuesdays, 11.00am-1.00pm. Free coffee, cake and conversation. Venue: through the main doors, just turn up.

Tea Time for seniors in the Muswell Hill area - Wednesdays: 2.30-3.30pm. Tea, sandwiches and entertainment - contact: gebrazier@gmail.com 020 8883 6453. Venue: St James Centre.

Legal Advice: Free legal advice - Mondays & Saturdays walk-in service from 10.00am-12 noon, venue: St James Church, contact: anything.legal@dial.pipex.com

RETIRED, OR HEADING FOR RETIREMENT?

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MUSWELL HILL TOY LIBRARY

Open Mondays 2.00-3.30 pm, Thursdays 9.30am to 12 noon, and Fridays 9.30am to 12 noon. Toys, DVDs and music CDs. Children must come with an adult carer! 'Stories and Music' sessions during the Monday and Thursday sessions are FREE to all. 1st Floor, Muswell Hill Library, Queens Ave, N10 3PE.

NORTH LONDON EPILEPSY ACTION is a support group for those with epilepsy or with an interest in epilepsy. The group meets on the third Monday of each month and has lectures, information and social events. For more information, contact Barbara Penney 020 8883 0010 or e-mail barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk

MUSWELL HILL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The club meets every Wednesday at Jacksons Lane Community Centre at 7.45pm. We show and discuss our photographs, and we have guest speakers, competitions, and practical activities. Visit our website www.muswellhillphoto.org.uk, for more details. We welcome new members. If you would like to join or come along one evening as a guest, please email contact@muswellhillphoto.org.uk.

THE CLISSOLD ARMS, 105 Fortis Green, N2 9HR
Pianist every Sunday from 1pm to 3pm - relaxing classics while you enjoy your lunch
We have a Kinks Night on the 15th of July & our Bank Holiday Fundraising Weekend where we hold a raffle throughout

August and the proceeds will go towards The Harington Scheme.

A wide range of groups meet at the Clissold. Please see website for full details www.clissoldarms.co.uk

FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

Wednesday 13 July 6.00pm Information Hut Highgate Wood: Geology in Highgate and Queen's Wood. Guided walk comparing soil and geology in both woods, all welcome.

Working parties last Sunday of month. 10.30-12 meet outside Café in Queen's Wood. Please bring gloves and mobile phone if available.

OPEN GARDENS WITH LIVE MUSIC ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The gardens at Muswell Hill Methodist Church on Pages Lane will be open on Sunday afternoons in July and August from 2-5pm. Talented local musicians will perform from about 3pm, refreshments will be available, entry is free and there is a play area to keep young children occupied. The programme includes brass bands, a ceilidh band, Caribbean steel pan drums, Sixties rock, to name but a few! Check out the full programme on the church website www.mhmc.org.uk. The event transfers indoors if the weather isn't great. Everyone is welcome!

FORTISMERE SCHOOL is holding its annual summer fair FORTITUDE 2016 on Saturday July 9th from 12-6.00pm, in its spectacular playing field, entrance on Twyford Avenue. There will be rides this year, but there will also be a marketplace with stalls, a dog show, musical and other performances, a bar and lots of food options, from cakes and salads to hog-roast. It is run by parents who work through the FSA in co-operation with many of the teachers and students. The purpose is not only to raise money for the school but also increase the sense of community around the school and local people. Many local businesses are supporting it and it is being sponsored by local estate agents, Martyn Gerard. Entry £4.00 at the gate on the day (or for students at the school, £3 if bought in advance through the school library.)

Check all times and dates with the organisers. If you have an event or activity that might be of interest to the Association's members, write to editor@mhfga.org and patriciajlott@aol.com by 10 August 2016.

Contact Point

You can meet your local police at Planet Organic, 111 -117 Muswell Hill Road, N10 3HS on

Wednesdays and Thursdays between 6pm and 8pm
Saturdays between 1pm and 3pm

At the Contact Point you can

- Report a crime
- Obtain crime prevention advice or advice on other police-related matters
- Discuss community concerns
- Make an appointment to speak to a local officer
- Make an appointment to give a statement if you would prefer for the police not to visit you at home or your place of work
- Hand in self-reporting forms for road traffic accidents

You can report crime online at www.met.police.uk

Alexandra Palace Summer Festival

Date: Saturday 23rd July 2016

Time: 11am to 10pm

Free entry with some ticketed activities

Following a hugely successful first year with more than 30,000 in attendance, Alexandra Palace is once again throwing open its gates for the second annual Summer Festival. This year's offering will be bigger and better than before!

In the Park

The chance to have a ride of a lifetime with the **Giant Waterslide** on the steep slopes of Alexandra Park.

In association with Crouch End Picturehouse the **Outdoor Cinema** screen will return to the park this year, showing 80s Spielberg classic *ET – The Extra Terrestrial*. With London's skyline as a backdrop this panoramic setting makes for a truly unique cinema experience under the stars.

Beneath the woodland trees of the Grove will be a **Silent Disco** like no other. With seven sessions of music to choose from, there's something to suit everyone's tastes, from kid's lunch club to disco inferno plus a special session by London's top purveyors of pop Club De Fromage.

Three Live Music Stages will play host to a multitude of acts throughout the day, headlined by the mighty **DJ Yoda**. Other stages will be hosted by Global Local in association with Continental Drift and Before the Gold Rush.

The famous **Street Food and Craft Beer Festival** will be running throughout the day, featuring many of London's top vendors including Smokestack, Iberico Jack, Cheeky Italian and The Athenian. Craft beer will also be on offer from the likes of Beavertown, Rogue, Tiny Rebel and Sierra Nevada along with cocktails, Pimms and more.

In the upper fields, thrill seekers will find a dedicated **Outdoor Adventure Zone** where they can try their hand at everything from zorbing, Segway, tree climbing and archery plus mini adventure activities for the little ones.

Free Kid's Activities will also be available during the day, including workshops, arts and crafts classes and face painting.

All this plus a fun fair, pop up performances from London's top buskers in association with Buskberry Grove, local community stalls and loads more to explore in the Park.

Inside the Palace

Big Fish Little Fish will be hosting **Family Raves** inside the Palace, a family experience not to be missed for ravers big and small. Alongside top DJs including Tom Middleton, the Big Fish Little Fish multi-sensory dancefloor experience includes bubbles, glitter cannons, hula hoop displays, huge balloons and a giant parachute finale.

The famous Grand Willis Organ will be taking centre stage at the **Prom in the Palace** in the Great Hall with a performance by acclaimed concert organist Richard Hills.

Also on offer within the building will be public **Ice Skating** sessions as well as a Club De Fromage ice disco.

Tickets are required for some activities. To buy tickets and keep up to date with the latest information visit:

www.summerfestival.alexandrapalace.com

For more information please contact: Faye Daniels, Marketing Manager on 0208 3654322

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