

Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association

Incorporating Alexandra Ward

Founded in 1948

Bill's Muswell Hill Walk



Some 14 members of the Association met at one of the Creighton Avenue entrances to Coldfall Wood on Saturday 2nd July for a guided walk led by Bill Tyler.

Bill explained that the Wood was once part of the tract of woodland that extended through to Highgate Wood and Queen's Wood. Coldfall eventually became common land under a succession of Enclosure Acts, its trees regularly 'coppiced' (cut down to leave a trunk still to sprout new branches) for construction timber and firewood for the small East End (Finchley) hamlet centred around what is now Market Place. The wood is owned and in the care of Haringey Council with much of the maintenance work and planting being carried out by a local 'Friends' group. We could see this in areas protected by brush-wood barriers and also saw some good timber bridge walkways across a stream and pond.

At the northern edge of the Wood we emerged on to the large area of terraced football pitches, some of which had hosted Saturday morning fixtures for local clubs. To the east of the playing fields we passed the rather dreary blocks of flats and maisonettes that have replaced the old Coppetts Isolation Hospital and then walked through a new and rather better development of blocks of flats that have replaced the old Carter Paterson depot off Coppetts Road. Almost at the North Circular Road, we passed through a pedestrian gate into the grounds of the St. Pancras and Islington Cemeteries. Bill explained that the expansion of London in Victorian times as a world commercial hub resulted in huge demand for land in and around the City and, together with a population explosion, land for burials had to be found well outside the boundary of London as it was in the early years of Victoria's reign.

In 1853 St. Pancras Vestry bought 88 acres of common land and a further 94 acres were acquired by Islington in

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1877. Through lack of maintenance, particularly in the Second World War, much of the earlier burial land has been engulfed by self-seeded trees, now growing around and through some of the graves, the headstones of which often stand tilted at an angle or are fractured, with inscriptions barely legible. Numerous roadways meander through the site, more recent burials taking place nearer the North Circular Road. The Strawberry Vale Brook, that runs through the Cemetery land more or less parallel to the North Circular Road, rises nearby close to East Finchley High Road and flows eastwards, though mostly now in culverts, to eventually feed into the River Lea.

Of the many tombs and monuments, particularly impressive is the Grecian temple-style mausoleum of the Mond family – Ludwig Mond (later Lord Melchett) was the founder of chemicals giant ICI – but earlier mausoleums of more modest size still reflect the importance and wealth of their occupants, as do so many of the obelisks and headstones of earlier burial plots nearer the High Road.

Wending our way back to East Finchley on the High Road, Bill pointed out the "Pantehnicon" lettering (a late Victorian furniture store) above what is now HSS Hire; we also looked at the imaginative Arts and Crafts façade of the ex-Baptist church of 1902 in Creighton Avenue, now a protected Listed Building. Crossing the High Road, we could see the solid Edwardian workmanship of the Methodist Church and then further up Park Road Bill pointed out the large Victorian house that is now the local Constitutional Club on the footpath that historically ran from Cherry Tree Wood to Totteridge, much of which can still be walked.

Contributed by a happy walker!

Visit our website <http://mhfga.org/> for lots of information about the local area including old photos and John Hajdu's history of the Association.

If you have a photo or news item why not share it with our members on Twitter @theMHFGA or visit www.twitter.com/theMHFGA. We tweet regularly on Association and local news, so please follow and spread the word.

And don't forget our Facebook page!

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Dates for Your Diary

Members' Meetings

Coffee and biscuits are served after the talks

8.00pm Wednesday 5 October 2016 at North Bank

What Next for the Park and Palace?

Louise Stewart and Mark Evison



As Chief Executive of Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust, Louise has overall responsibility for the work of the Trust and its trading company. Her presentation explains plans for the future of Alexandra Park and Palace including the exciting East Wing Restoration Project.

Louise has over 25 years' experience in tourism, culture and regeneration. As Deputy Chief Executive of the National Tourist Board, Louise developed and coordinated delivery of the national strategy, instigated a culture of performance management and drove new strategic partnerships. In a period of 5 years Louise successfully secured over £55m of public and private funding to execute national strategic objectives. Prior to that Louise spent 10 years in regional roles, leading regeneration and business development delivery programmes for the tourism and culture sectors. In her early career Louise worked in overseas adventure travel, catering and events.

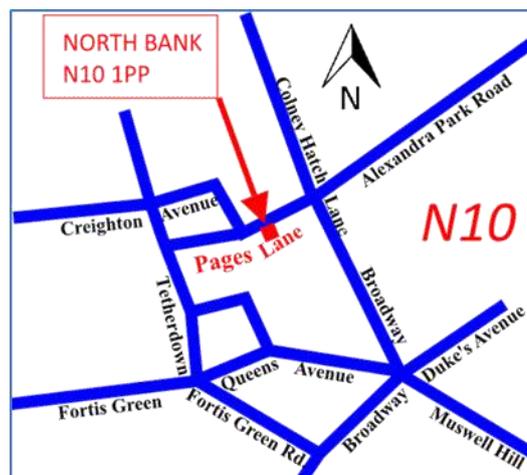
Louise's co-presenter, Mark Evison, is the Park Manager.

8.00pm **THURSDAY** 10 November 2016 at The Clissold Arms, Fortis Green (*please note venue and that it is a Thursday, not the usual Wednesday*).

Italian Wine Tasting

Details in the next Newsletter

Where to find us:



Muswell Hill in Bloom!

Many thanks to Pauline Hudson for looking after the trough and helping with the flower boxes around Muswell Hill roundabout. Also to Lucy Haynes for tending the flower beds in Colney Hatch Lane. If any member with green fingers would like to support us in this work, please do contact Brian Livingston, our Environment Officer.

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Member in Profile

Jane de Sausmarez

My late husband, Maurice de Sausmarez, bought our house in 1943, on a 99 year lease from Collings, the original local builders, for £1,200. The house was built in 1906. I moved in in November 1962. I met Maurice at Hornsey College of



Art in 1960, where I had my first part-time teaching job, straight from having been a student myself in the Printed Textile Department at the Central School of Arts and Crafts - thrown in at the deep end! That would not be possible now, as every Art School teacher has to do at least one year teacher training. All

three of our children were born in the house. Very sadly Maurice died in 1969.

I continued to teach part time in various art colleges; I taught Fine Art Printed Textiles at Goldsmiths' College for 35 years, as well as Fine Art at the Byam Shaw, where Maurice had been Principal, from 1970 to 1990. In 1981 I was invited to teach at the City and Guilds of London Art School. During these years I began to specialise in teaching colour, having been obsessed with colour from the age of four, when I first saw oil in a puddle!

Over the years I've developed a colour course that I teach at home as well as in Art Schools. In 2008 I was approached by publishers A & C Black to turn this course into a book and I wrote *Basic Colour: a practical handbook*. In 2014 I was invited to give a public lecture on colour at The National Gallery to coincide with their exhibition Making Colour. Since then I've delivered my lecture *Colour: Understanding the Deception* at various other art centres around the country. I impressed upon the audience that there was no such thing as visual truth, things are not what they seem and that you should not believe your eyes!

In April this year I ran my colour course in two art centres in Nairobi, Kenya, for local artists and also gave my lecture at both venues.

I continue to teach my weekend colour course at home in Muswell Hill about three or four times a year. I feel passionate about offering students the practical skills, understanding and appreciation of colour, giving them the necessary tools to increase their colour vocabulary.

www.basiccolour.com

Basic Colour: a practical handbook Published by Bloomsbury ISBN: 978-0-7136-7517-7

Bill's Bornholm Bash!

Bill Tyler reports on his Summer Charity Hike



Encouraged by my Danish god-daughter, who thought Baltic island Bornholm might have better weather than the Isle of Wight, I planned a long-distance walk to raise funds for a new education facility for young people with autism (16 to 25 year olds) to be built at the new Middlesex/Enfield Poly as an off-shoot of the centre in Woodside Avenue.

Bornholm is known as the 'Pearl of the Baltic' and is located off southern Sweden. It lies between two weather systems so has very good summer weather and is not excessively hot. It is well known for its hiking trails, and excellent local guidebooks are in English as well as in Danish and German! The coastal path is just over 80 miles round the island (Isle of Wight is 70) and varies from very soft silver sand to cliff top paths, steep ravines, large pebble and boulder strewn beaches, wooded cliff-top paths and the cobbled streets of coastal villages that still have the kipper smokehouses, even if now part of residential properties, that once were part of the island's principal industry.

So it was very tough on feet and legs, but mine were in good fettle after training in Coldfall, Highgate and Queen's Woods, as well as from longer walks, via Parkland Walk, to Islington and the City. However, shingle and soft sand beaches proved slower terrain than expected, so some days I could manage only 6 or 7 miles, not the 14 or 15 I then had to cover on catch-up days. Cliffs dropped straight into the sea on sections of coastline and then the coastal path would climb to fields and woods at the cliff edge, but often plunging back down into valleys formed by streams or folds in the rock strata. Coastline cliffs and boulder-strewn beaches flaunt the extraordinary geology of the island – granite, sandstone, coal, limestone – the layers of which can be clearly seen on stretches of cliff face. In summer cormorants gather on coastal rocks, suitable cliff faces are peppered with the nesting holes of sand-martens and, on cliff-top paths, deer may well suddenly appear from woodland glades. House eaves make ideal sites for swallows' nests, and storks, having travelled several thousand miles on their migration from Africa via the eastern Med, find nesting sites on roof chimneys and on roofs of dormer windows.

As this newsletter goes to print donations for AaA are at almost £10,000 and keep on coming! So my thanks, and from the students and staff at AaA, to everyone who has helped me on the way to my £15K target.

Editors' note: donations may still be made to Ambitious about Autism at The Pears Centre for Autism, Woodside Avenue, N10 3JA and PLEASE mention it is a donation for Bill's charity walk!

Our New Corporate Members

North & Ten



We are the founders of North & Ten, an independent café and local meeting place for speciality coffee, artisan food and hot crêpe lovers. Our aim is to source the best quality produce, and serve local people with their unique brand. We are always on-site because loving what you do and being proud of what you serve is essential. Making sure that we know the names and faces of local people that support North & Ten, is what our cafe is all about and so important to us.

Our café uses the best sustainable and artisan products: Caravan coffee, Estate dairy milk, Mörk hot chocolate and Joe's

tea bring the best drinks menu available on the specialist café scene. We blend local produce with the best available produce anywhere in any town: coffee roasted in Kings Cross, hot chocolate served at the Fat Duck, and tea by Joe of Ally Pally. Homemade salads, artisan baked goods and made-to-order crepes are the mainstay food choices, with even more to come. Suggestions from North & Ten guests are also always welcome and encouraged! We want people to come in and be happy.

We have a long and heavyweight background in the food and drink industry having previously owned a specialist tea-house in the southwest of England. Oliver trained as a chef in early 2000s at the Bluebird restaurant in Chelsea, later working at Konstam as their Head Pastry Chef and overall Sous Chef (London's first 'locally sourced' restaurant as all produce was gathered and foraged from within the London Underground area). Oliver's career was also punctuated by stints in the US and the triple AA Rosette, Dart Marina.

North & Ten is in the centre of St James's Square. The café's interior gives a firm nod to the large art-deco building within which it sits and everyone is welcome, child, adult or dog.

Please join us for a calming, fun and delicious time.

We are open Tuesday-Friday, 8.00-17.30, Saturday 9.00-17.30, and Sunday 10.00-17.00.

Kate Moon and Oliver Foster

La Dinette

La Dinette has now been open since November 2015 and we are over the moon with the response we have been getting from our customers. Our aim was to create somewhere a bit different in the heart of Muswell Hill, offering home-made simple and tasty food and cakes in our small open kitchen.

We use only natural and organic ingredients - organic flour from Shipton Mill, organic eggs from Rookery Farm, Valrhona chocolate, Sourdough bread from Poilane, and locally roasted coffee from Campbell & Syme. The atmosphere in the café is very relaxed. There is a small kids corner with a play kitchen for children to play with which has been a big hit with local young families. It's a space which is welcoming to families with children, but is certainly not a "kids cafe"!

We are looking forward growing the business in our second year and would like to thank all our lovely supportive customers.

Claire Jury



The Everyman Cinema is offering MHFGA members a free Chambord Royale cocktail any time they visit the cinema on a Monday. Just ask for the drink and mention that it was offered by Nick Davey.

Rhodes Avenue Primary School



'Rhodes Avenue Primary School strives to provide the best in primary education. Working in partnership with the local community, the pupils, staff, parents, and governors continue to pursue excellence in all aspects of school life. Our aim is for all children to enjoy learning, and to achieve success in a healthy, happy, and inclusive environment.'

empathy, tolerance and an understanding of each other.

Our school benefits from so many advantages, none more so than its own unique young people. We are a centre of high aspirations, promoting excellence, and supporting ambition and optimism, both in the present and also for the future.

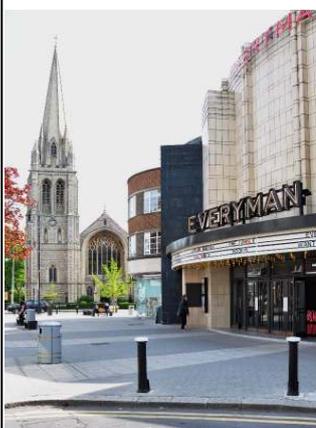
The school's ethos supports parents and families in raising children who will grow to become responsible adults, ready to meet the demands of a fast-moving world, whilst treasuring the wonder and magic of childhood, helping them to grow – but not too fast.

As a school, we embrace our pivotal role in the community we serve, and acknowledge the importance of contributing to the wider community. Both individually and collectively, we understand our role and consequent responsibilities as citizens, not only of Rhodes Avenue, but also of our local community, and of wider communities beyond – both physical and virtual. The school aims to ensure that its pupils develop as global citizens in order that they are able to seize and shape their surroundings. We hope the relationship between Rhodes Avenue and Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association will flourish enabling both establishments to impact positively on our local area.

Adrian Hall, Headteacher

All Change in Muswell Hill

There is a lot going on in Muswell Hill and Fortis Green at the moment, probably more change at one time than most of us have seen before.



Everyman Cinema

The Everyman has received planning permission and Listed Building Consent to carry out a number of changes to the interior of the main cinema. This includes the reinstatement of the lower stalls and the installation of two pods for showing films which are to be located at the rear of the Circle.

Former Raglan Hall Hotel, 8-12 Queen's Avenue

The hotel is now closed and the conversion work to 18 flats will be starting soon. If there are any matters that residents wish to raise they can contact Matthew Evans at matthew.evans@glhearn.com.

United Reform Church, junction of Tetherdown and Queen's Avenue

A planning application has now been submitted for the remodelling of the Church, including the erection of a replacement single storey extension and a new corner feature. There will also be extensive internal remodelling including the insertion of a new first floor and lift and the provision of a new accessible entrance from Queen's Avenue.

Whilst recognising the need to upgrade the building, our main areas of concern are:

- i) the proposals for the Tetherdown elevation which involves removing the present rather fine entrance and replacing it with a small extension which would be striking in terms of both design and the materials to be used
- ii) the proposal to build a tower type structure which we feel would be unduly dominant given the very tight nature of the site.

We have urged the Church to have a rethink on the design and to come up with something more appropriate given the siting of the church in a very visible location in a conservation area. At the time of writing the application is still open for comment on the Council's planning website and the reference is HGY/2016/1801.

Woodside Square, Woodside Avenue

As those who live nearby will be fully aware, work is well under way on the former St Luke's Hospital site to provide new flats and houses. The photograph gives an idea of the scale of what is going on at this six acre site.

John Crompton



Helping our Hedgehogs



The Friends of the Parkland Walk are joining other conservation groups across the country looking for hedgehogs. According to Chris Carbone, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Zoology, ZSL, and Muswell Hill resident, hedgehog numbers are declining at the same rate as tigers and heading straight for the endangered species list.

Chris has established there are hedgehogs in the Grove in Muswell Hill, and the Friends are now setting up camera traps with him to see if they can find them on the Walk, which is only a couple of hundred metres away. Hedgehogs need a lot of ground to gather food and secure safe refuge. If you own a garden that abuts the Walk, you can help increase their habitat by creating small holes (about 5 inches diameter) in your garden fences and creating suitable habitats.

The Friends are also considering offering the use of their cameras for short periods to those residents who have created hedgehog access in their gardens, if they are adjacent to the Parkland Walk. Residents will be able to keep copies of the pictures caught on camera and a map can be built up of how much territory is used as they forage around. If you have any photos of your own, please let the Friends know.

If you live adjacent to the Walk and already have evidence of hedgehogs near you, please contact the Friends at info@parkland-walk.org.uk so that sightings can be logged on a map.

Simon Olley

Road Safety

Having just attended a speed awareness course in the Angel (yes, I am now officially an offender), I thought it might be useful to share some of the information from the course, especially in view of the fact that so many London boroughs have introduced the controversial 20mph speed limit.

Our road safety record is among the best in Europe, surpassed only by Sweden, and this is largely due to our speed restrictions. 71% of collisions happen in urban areas, 25% in rural areas and 4% on motorways. Of those incidents involving fatalities, 44% take place in urban areas, 50% in rural areas, and 5% on motorways (2014 statistics). Our urban streets particularly pose great dangers for pedestrians especially the very young, elderly or disabled. Speed limits are not arbitrary, they serve a purpose and are imposed following careful risk assessment.

The 20mph limit, and even the 30mph limit, can be very frustrating as I found when driving back from the Angel to Finchley. It's 20mph all the way until you reach the A1 at the south of the Archway Road. However, I followed the advice from the course and stayed in second gear in the 20mph areas and third gear in the 30mph areas and didn't experience too much impatience from other drivers. In fact I was quite surprised that only one driver tailgated me. He moved into the next lane at traffic lights, speeding away as they changed to green, and hopefully not mowing anyone down in his hurry. I returned home having learned some valuable lessons and hopefully with no more 'notices of intended prosecution' letters arriving in the post.

Christine Morris

MidSummer Muswell

Seventy-six trombones hit the morning sun! And at 1.30 PC Sharon Rogers halted the mighty roar of Broadway traffic to march them round Muswell Hill. They were magnificent! N10 hasn't seen a marching band this century, or maybe the last, so it was groundbreaking stuff by our own Metropolitan Training Brass Band. The director pounded the big bass drum and, as they turned into Fortis Green Road, the Mayor of Haringey stepped up front and twirled his mace, or would have if he had thought to bring it. A splendid start to the festivities, providing yet another reason why PC Sharon was among the five lasses and lads to receive Local Gem awards, presented by Catherine West MP.

It rained of course but the trade in the market place was brisk, the dogs (and owners) bounded over, under and through the slippery obstacle course to win rosettes, and the musical performances on stage were of the highest quality: a special mention for Popchoir (on



terrific form), a Kinks reprise by Muswell Hill Exchange and some great jug band music from the Long String Hawkers with Big Issue John on guitar.

St James's Church provided shelter and sideshows, including very artistic face-painters and a competition to guess the weight of Maison Blanc's mouthwatering chocolate cake: in case you were one of the unlucky bidders the answer is 1.258 kg (2lb 8 oz if you are still using Mrs Beeton). On the carpeted performance area the Friends of St James's Square mounted a non-stop showcase for local performers: opera, ballet, instrumental music and some fine choral work by Viva Voce, all beautifully presented.

Enough money was taken on the day to cover a donation of £1000 to WAVE, a local charitable organisation for adults with learning difficulties. Well done, Friends: rain or shine it was a great day.

Jacqueline Goldenstein



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 is on 3rd December.

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.

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

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
Saturday 17th September, 10.00-12.00. Joan Podel's eco-art session for children aged 2½-12 and their parents. The fairytale for this session is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Admission £3, all eco-packaging and art supplies included, together with a carrier bag to take their work home, a packet of crisps and a children's magazine called 'Chicken'. Pianist every Sunday from 1pm to 3pm - relaxing classics while you enjoy your lunch

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

FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

Visit our new website www.fqw.org.uk

Saturday 10th September, 2.00pm. Meet at the Lodge in Queen's Wood just off Muswell Hill Road for a gentle walk led by herbalist Kim Walker to learn about folklore and the history of use of plants found in Queen's Wood.

Sunday 16th October, 2.00pm. Meet at The Lodge for a Tree Identification walk. Join Maria Precedo to find out more about the Citizen Science project and have help in joining in.

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

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

HORNSEY PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP

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

Coming up: *Generations Unite* on 21st September and *What is Democracy?* on 19th October. 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

GOLF COURSE ALLOTMENTS ANNUAL SHOW AND NGS OPEN DAY

Sunday 4th September, 1-4.30, at Wilton Avenue, N11 2AR
Entry £3.50, children free

Rare opportunity to visit an 11 acre allotment established nearly 90 years ago. A wide variety of plots growing fruit, flowers and vegetables. Annual Flower and Produce Show. Beehives, plot tours, fresh allotment produce, jams, chutneys and honey for sale. Lunch and afternoon teas. Plant stall, raffle, tombola and bricabrac stalls. Enjoy a day in the country.

MUSWELL HILL AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Saturday September 10th - visit to Sissinghurst Castle Garden. Cost - £25 - coach and entry. Contact - Kit Greveson - 020 8340 0557 or kit.greveson@gmail.com.

Sunday September 18th - outing to Helmingham Hall organised by Hampstead Horticultural Society
Chelsea Gold Medal winner and garden designers 500 year old family home. Cafe, plant sale and also fruit and veg for sale.

Contact Rosie Hunt - rosiehunt@blueyonder.co.uk or 020 7586 4979 - ASAP if you are interested, as Rosie needs numbers to organise the coach

FRIENDS OF COLD FALL WOOD AND MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELD

In August and September, walks in Coldfall Wood include two different Bat Walks, led by expert Cindy Blaney; a Wild Flower Walk led by veteran botanist David Bevan; and a Tree Walk led by woodsman Iain Loasby.

Coming up in October and November: a Photography Walk looking at autumn colours, a Fungus Walk and a Geology Walk. In early December families can enjoy a Tree Dressing Day.

For details and bookings go to www.coldfallwoods.co.uk/whats-on where you can also find historical information, maps and photos, tweets and comments, and news about your local wood. Thanks to Coldfall School for hosting our meetings at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

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 12 October 2016.

Copy date for November/December edition of this Newsletter

If you would like to submit an article, letter or diary date for our next edition, please send your copy to editor@mhfga.org by Wednesday 12th October 2016.

Alex's Corner

Membership Renewal

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do it now and do let us know if you have moved out of the area and do not wish to continue.

If in doubt, check your email or the latest Newsletter in your letterbox and you will see the reminder.

To renew, please complete the membership form below 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 on page 2) and I shall make sure you get the form through your door.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest members: Dayana Marinova of Ribblesdale Avenue; Annie Brook of Grosvenor Road; Steven and Karen Schroder-Smith of Ringwood Avenue; Ann Jungmann of Fortis Green Road; Nir Sapir of Leinster Road; Celia Bower of Muswell Hill Road; Sonia and Neil Goddard of Midhurst Avenue; Pippa Connor of Fortis Green Avenue; Nikki Causer of Coniston Road; Bryan Kneale of Wellfield Avenue; and Laura Hutton of Tetherdown.

We are delighted to announce two new corporate members: La Dinette and North & Ten .

This takes to 37 the number of local businesses and organisations supporting the Association. Below is their complete list. You can find the links to their websites on the Corporate page at www.mhfga.org.

1104 Architects, Barkers for Dogs, Bill's Restaurant, Clissold Arms, Creative Writing, Chriskitch, Duo-Klier, Elsa, Everyman Cinema, Excel English Language School, Feast, Flesh & Flour, Fortismere School, House of Nails, Knidos Café Brasserie, La Dinette, Muddy Boots, Muswell Hill Bowling Club, Muswell Hill Toy Library, Muswell Hill United Reformed Church, NCT Haringey, Norfolk House School, North & Ten, Planet Organic, Poppy Rose, Pret A Vivre, Rhodes Avenue Primary School, Robert Linsky Optometrist, St. James Church Muswell Hill, The John Baird, The Mossy Well, Tim Moss Furniture, Toffs of Muswell Hill, Topps Tiles Boutique, Victory Auto Services, WAVE, Woodland Tree Surgery.

Volunteers

Many thanks to all those who help us deliver the Newsletter, maintain flowers and green spaces, clean graffiti, maintain the noticeboard, monitor trees, and do all the things that need to be done for our local community. We need more.

We still need help to organise meetings and finding speakers, and dealing with the press. And we really could do with flower and green maintenance. If you are available, please contact our Chairman John Hajdu or myself (contact details on page 2)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS, SIGN AND RETURN FORM TO:
Jacqueline Servat, The Treasurer, MHFGA, 52 Queens Avenue, London, N10 3NU

Title	First Name(s)	Surname(s)	
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Number: **31387276**. Please enter your name in the bank payment reference and email your details to j.servat@tiscali.co.uk.

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