# Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association



Your Residents' Association - working for the local community since 1948

## RESIDENTS TO EXTEND ASSOCIATION

Association in response to requests to extend membership have agreed that the area shall be that covered by the Muswell Hill Ward for municipal elections.

The aim of the Association is to foster an interest in local government and other matters of local interest and the

of local interest and the Association is strictly non-political and non-sectarian, Application is to be made to

the Federation of Ratepayers' Associations in Middlesex for affiliation.

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# A name for the future - have your say!

As we approach our Annual General Meeting on 15th May (see page 2), the Committee would like to invite members to share their views on a possible refresh of our Association's name and identity. Currently known as the **Muswell Hill and Fortis** Green Association (MHFGA), we are considering whether a shorter, more memorable everyday name - such as the Muswell Hill Society or the Muswell Hill Association - might better reflect who we are and the area we serve.

While our full name speaks to our roots and the broad area we cover, it can be a bit of a mouthful in everyday use. Many refer to us as something like "the Muswell Hill group" and we're conscious that clearer branding could help raise awareness, improve recognition in the community, and attract new members.

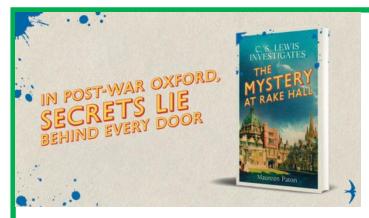
Some history...our story begins in May 1948, when

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the Fortis Green Residents' Association was formed in response to public concern over the parking of commercial vehicles in Annington Road, just behind the Muswell Hill police station. From the outset, the Association's aim was to "foster an interest in local government and other matters of local interest". It was to be strictly non-sectarian and nonpolitical, rallying under the slogan "Strength through Unity."

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A talk and Q&A with local author Maureen Paton on her new C.S.Lewis historical crime novel, "The Mystery at Rake Hall"

8pm on Thursday, 1st May 2025 Muswell Hill Methodist Church, North Bank, 28 Pages Lane, Muswell Hill, N10 1PP

Local author Maureen Paton on her new historical crime novel and the research behind it. In 1947, with rationing still biting and the black market thriving, university don C.S. 'Jack' Lewis finds himself pulled into a mystery. In a post-war Oxford world, an alternative life is created for one of its most famous residents.

'Satisfyingly violent' The Times, Best Crime Fiction of 2025 So Far; 'Sprightly and elegantly written mystery' The Daily Telegraph. Signed copies of the novel will be available at the special price of £12 (RRP £16.99).

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If you would like to submit an article, letter, picture or diary date for our next edition covering July / August 2025, please send your editor@mhfga.org by 15th June 2025

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## MHFGA meetings and 2025 AGM

Our **recent guided walk** around Muswell Hill (see photo on right) was a wonderfully engaging and informative afternoon. Sally from North London Tours proved to be an outstanding guide, bringing the area's rich history to life with stories of dairy farms, Victorian intrigue, suffragettes, nuns, and even a one-legged poet. Her enthusiasm and deep knowledge made for a thoroughly enjoyable experience - and to top it off, the weather cooperated, with the rain holding off until the very end. Huge thanks to Sally for a truly excellent adventure in our neighbourhood!



We have a packed schedule of events for 2025 - full details with dates and times will be emailed to members in advance, published on our website and included in future newsletters.

- **Thursday 1st May 8pm** Muswell Hill Methodist Church, North Bank talk by **Maureen Paton** on her new historic crime novel and the research behind it (see the front page for full details)
- Thursday 15th May 8pm United Reformed Church, Queens Avenue AGM and members' social. We look forward to seeing many of our members for a drink and food nibbles, with an opportunity to raise questions about, and suggestions for, the Association and its activities.
- June Local guided walk
- September Evening talk
- November early Christmas Holiday Social Event

We will also be organising family volunteering opportunities such as local litter picking.

Della Deme

# Changes around the Broadway

See our **Facebook page** for the latest news:

- Mossy Green has closed and will be replaced by Fortis Green's Wholefoods
- Fashion shop **Rojo** has opened in the former Daniel unit

## **MHFGA Committee members**

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Visit our website **www.mhfga.org** for lots of information about the local area including old photos and films of Muswell Hill, useful local links, MHFGA archives and John Hajdu's fascinating history of the Association.

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## A name for the future - have your say!

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Our first AGM was held in May 1949, marking the beginning of a long tradition of local engagement and advocacy.

In 1952, we expanded our remit beyond Fortis Green to encompass the entire Muswell Hill ward in the former Borough of Hornsey. At that year's AGM, members unanimously voted to rename the organisation the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Residents' Association - a name later shortened for convenience to the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association (MHFGA).

Today, our constitution remains true to those founding principles: we concern ourselves with all matters contributing to the environment and quality of life in the Muswell Hill, Fortis Green, and Alexandra Park wards, including roads, buildings, and open spaces. Together, these wards make up the area commonly referred to as Muswell Hill, noting occasional boundary and name changes.

You can read the full history of the Association in John Hajdu's book (see cover right), available online at **mhfga.org** 



#### What's next?

No decision has been made. The Committee would like to discuss the idea of a simpler everyday name with members at the AGM on Thursday 15th May 8pm at the United Reformed Church on Queens Avenue. We're very keen to hear your ideas - whether you support a name change, prefer to keep the current one, or have suggestions of your own.

Regardless of whether the name changes, we will also be **refreshing our logo and branding** later this year. We plan to run a **design competition**, with more details to come.

Please come along to the AGM to join the conversation, or email us as **editor@mhfga.org** in advance with your thoughts. Whether you're a long-standing supporter or a newer member, your voice matters! Let's shape the next chapter of our Association - together.

Duncan Neill

# Time Travel is Dangerous lands in Muswell Hill

Muswell Hill's own *ChaChaCha* vintage shop takes centre stage in *Time Travel Is Dangerous*, a playful new British sci-fi mockumentary now showing in cinemas. Set and partly filmed locally, the film stars shop owners Ruth Syratt and Megan Stevenson as fictionalised versions of themselves - two best friends struggling to keep their beloved emporium afloat until an unusual solution presents itself: time travel.



Image credit: Rich Maskey, director of photography and Chris Reading, director

After discovering a retrofitted bumper car with

interdimensional powers, Ruth and Megan begin sourcing vintage stock directly from the past. From medieval pewter to disco-era accessories, their inventory soars - along with suspicions from the local science club. Things quickly spiral as wormholes, eccentric inventors, and a growing time paradox threaten to overwhelm our quiet corner of North London.

Directed by Chris Reading and featuring a stellar British comedy cast—including Johnny Vegas, Jane Horrocks, Sophie Thompson, and narrated by Stephen Fry—the film mixes nostalgic charm with delightfully surreal sci-fi chaos.

See the official trailer including aerial shots of Muswell Hill at youtu.be/j\_tFmGfKV\_E

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## Take part in a sponsored walk for Wave Hub

Join Wave's third annual inclusive community celebration on **Saturday 14th June from 1pm**. This special day will encapsulate everything Wave Hub stands for, forging connections and raising vital funds to continue their vital work.

The sponsored walk will consist of two routes, either 3km or 7km, around Highgate Wood, with the longer route taking in some of the Parkland Walk. Both walks will leave Wave Hub (United Reformed Church, Queens Avenue, N10 3NU) at 2pm.

There is no requirement to walk or fundraise, just come and join the lively afternoon festivities. From 1pm onwards, there will be activities, entertainment and food at the Wave Hub cafe.

This is Wave's biggest fundraising event of the year, and an amazing way to get active, meet new people and promote radical inclusivity. Every penny you raise will directly contribute to their core operational costs.



Visit wavehub.org.uk/sponsoredwalk for full details.

# Update on the threat to the tennis court land in the Rookfield Garden Village

Following Haringey's refusal to grant planning permission for nine homes on the Rookfield tennis courts, the developers have lodged an appeal. This is due to be heard by an Inspector on 10th (and possibly 11th) June at the Cypriot Community Centre on Earlham Grove, Wood Green. More info is available by searching for application HGY/2023/0733 on the Haringey Planning portal (click Public Register) at **londonboroughofharingey.my.site.com** and you can help by donating to the fund to pay for a planning expert to defend against the appeal at **gofundme.com/f/save-the-tennis-courts** 

Walter Merricks, Chair, The Chine and Cascade Residents Association

# 100 years of the Birchwood Centre

Many locals who have attended events over the years at the Birchwood Centre on Fortis Green Road, managed by St James Church, will appreciate the community value of this building. The Centre turns 100 years old this year and we would love to hear from anyone who has any interesting items or stories reflecting its long history - please get in touch with <a href="mailto:editor@mhfga.org">editor@mhfga.org</a>



We also hope to hold one of our meetings at the Centre later this year as part of the anniversary celebrations.

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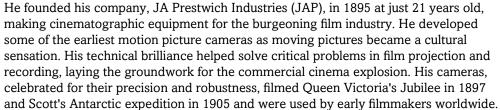
# The tenth in our series on local Green Plaques - John Alfred Prestwich: The Leonardo da Haringey

The Green Plaques, originally an idea of the then Chair of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association, John Hajdu, were subsequently adopted for the whole of Haringey. This plaque was unveiled on 19th March 2010 at 1A Lansdowne Road.



John Alfred Prestwich (1874-1952) was a mechanical genius who helped shape the early 20th century. Prestwich's work touched on a stunning range of industries:

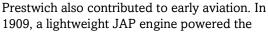
cinema, motorcycles, aviation, scientific instrumentation, printing, cutting and perforation machines and, yes, lead pencils. His ingenuity and a relentless passion for engineering made him a pivotal figure during rapid technological change.

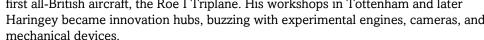


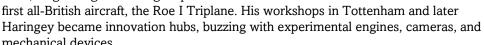
Prestwich's restless mind did not stay confined to the film world. By the early 1900s, he had shifted focus to the new frontier of internal combustion engines. His expertise here would define much of his legacy. Prestwich designed and manufactured some of the first lightweight, high-performance petrol engines for motorcycles, cars, aircraft, military and agricultural vehicles and machines.



His motorcycle engines gained legendary status for more than half a century and were adopted by countless road, racing and record-breaking bikes in the UK, Australia and the USA. And at one point, over 80% of motorcycles on British racetracks ran his engines - a staggering testament to their dominance.







In 1918, the Franklin Institute of America awarded him a Silver Medal for his invention of the fluid pressure gauge, which "permitted an unskilled person to take more than 100 readings a minute to an accuracy of 0.0002 inch".

A year later, he was asked to design a machine for painting pencils for mass production; when the company that commissioned him went bankrupt, Prestwich bought their business, and by 1951, the output of his Master pencils had risen to a staggering 1.5 million a week, making the company the largest pencil manufacturer in Europe.



During WWI, Prestwich built engines for the very first drones, small vehicles, and film equipment for training films, combining both sides of his career: mechanics and cinema.

Prestwich continued inventing and refining technologies well into the 1930s, although the company bearing his initials eventually shifted away from engine manufacturing after World War II. He passed away in 1952, leaving behind a legacy of invention that bridged entertainment, transportation, and aviation.

Today, John Alfred Prestwich is remembered as one of Britain's greatest mechanical polymaths. His spirit of innovation, restless creativity and his contributions to British industry make the title "the Leonardo da Haringey" a richly deserved tribute. Alex Vincenti

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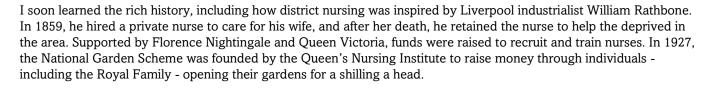
## A garden that gives

Susan Bennett and Earl Hyde have opened their Muswell Hill garden, described as "a cornucopia of sensual delights," since 1996.

In 1995, Maureen Lipman chose to depict our garden as "Her Favourite" for a fundraising auction at the Museum of Garden History, which led to an invitation to join the National Garden Scheme. This year, we are to receive an award celebrating 30 years of opening. We have no idea how much we've raised in total, though we are top of the charts in London—raising over £17,000 over the past two years alone.

Like many visitors attracted by the bright yellow posters,

I had once taken my mother to enjoy tea and cake in lovely gardens while on holiday in Devon. I had no idea where the money went.



With 3,300 gardens now open in England and Wales, the NGS continues to fund some of the UK's best-loved nursing and healthcare charities, including Marie Curie, Macmillan, Hospice UK, the Queen's Nursing Institute, Carers Trust, Parkinson's UK, and many other garden and health charities.

Shortly before our first event last year, my only brother was suddenly diagnosed with inoperable cancer. It was a huge shock. He had been told his conditions were treatable, then was urgently called to hospital and informed: "Cancer cells in all major organs. Weeks to live. Palliative care only."

I was torn apart. From his bed, Brian urged, "Get on with the garden opening. More people will benefit than you sitting here with me!"



He was a Buddhist—totally at peace but keen to return to his own home. Macmillan stepped in, handing over to St Luke's Hospice, which Brian had supported for many years. They had no beds, but organised amazing care at home. During his final weeks - though bedridden - he was free of pain (which he had dreaded), enjoying visits from friends, neighbours, and fellow Buddhists who chanted with and for him. He died on 15th May 2024.

Little did I suspect I would become a beneficiary of the charities we had long supported. They gave us peace of mind. I felt "held" safely. So much anxiety lifted from my heart - grateful for the professionalism and priceless care.

Next time you visit a National

Garden Scheme garden, you can be sure the money you donate will be a blessing to an unknown recipient like me.

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Earl and I hope to see you at one of our events. A warm welcome awaits, whatever the weather—thanks to our "Dream Team" of volunteers, without whom we could not achieve what we do.

## Our garden is at:

5 St Regis Close, Alexandra Park Road, Muswell Hill, N10 2DE

## See box on the right for dates, times and prices.

There will also be delicious homemade cakes and teas to buy, a **MEGA PLANT SALE** and the Pottery Studio will be open to browse or buy.

Some other local gardens are also open as part of the National Garden Scheme - see **ngs.org.uk** for more information:

- Ally Pally Allotments, N10
- Golf Course Allotments, N11
- 7 Deansway, N2
- 12 Lauradale Road, N2
- 25 Springfield Avenue, N10
- Railway Cottages, N22

As Assistant County Organisers for NW London, we are always keen to take on new suitable gardens!



## **5 St Regis Close**

Alexandra Park Road, Muswell Hill, N10 2DE

Sunday 4 May Sunday 29 June Sunday 3 August 2 - 6.30pm

Adults £5 Children free

Featured on ITV 'Britain's Best Back Gardens'. Plant sale & delicious home-made teas. Herbal teas & gluten free option.

Purchase ticket in advance, visit ngs org.uk for details, or cash preferred on the day.



Maureen no longer gardens here...
not even in high heels!

Susan Bennett

# Haringey School Streets proposals for Muswell Hill – informal consultation extended to 9th May 2025

Haringey Council is undertaking an informal consultation on the initial designs for five School Streets in Muswell Hill. Motorised vehicles are not permitted to enter a School Street during operational hours (either side of school drop-off and pick-up times) unless granted an exemption. Residents and businesses will be able to register vehicles for an exemption.

However, visitors, parents and delivery drivers will not be able to enter the School Street by motor vehicle when it is in operation. The School Street will be enforced by camera, and vehicles without an exemption may be automatically issued a penalty charge of £180 (reduced to £80 if paid within 14 days).

Haringey Council is encouraging residents to share their views on the proposals by providing feedback on each of the schemes and the consultation can be found at

#### haringey.gov.uk/streets-roads-travel/smarter-travel/school-streets/have-your-say-about-school-streets

There is a separate consultation questionnaire for each proposed School Streets, and you can complete as many consultations as you wish. The five School Streets (and roads affected) in Muswell Hill are:

- Eden Primary and Fortismere School (Creighton Avenue)
- Muswell Hill Primary School (Dukes Avenue)
- Norfolk House School (Muswell Avenue)
- Our Lady of Muswell Hill Catholic Primary School (Pages Lane)
- Tetherdown Primary School (Collingwood Avenue and Grand Avenue)

Haringey Council has also identified two future School Streets, but these have not yet been worked up and are therefore not included in this consultation:

- Rhodes Avenue Primary School and Alexandra Park School
- Fortismere School (Twyford Avenue)

Once the consultation is closed, a decision will be taken on whether to proceed to stage B (statutory consultation).

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# Zoe Norfolk's photos of Muswell Hill

Spring photography from around Muswell Hill by our Social Media Officer, Zoe Norfolk. Her book of local photographs is available at **zoe-norfolk.sumupstore.com** - use checkout code N10FREE for free delivery.











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# Local organisations

Please send event details for our next newsletter by 15th June to editor@mhfga.org

#### ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK

The Alexandra Park Visitor Centre near The Grove car park is open **every Sunday between 2 and 4pm**. Events and visitor information always available at <u>alexandrapalace.com</u>

#### **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HARINGEY**

Support group for relatives, friends and carers of loved ones who have dementia. Monthly, **every second Thursday 4.30 to 6pm** (no meeting in January) at Haynes Dementia Hub, 151 Park Road, Hornsey, N8 8JD. Email <u>dementiafriendly@haringey.gov.uk</u> for further info.

# FRIENDS OF COLDFALL WOOD AND MUSWELL HILL PLAYING FIELDS

Regular meetings on **first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm**. coldfallwoods.co.uk for more information.

#### FRIENDS OF QUEEN'S WOOD

Friends of Queen's Wood working parties on last Sunday of the month from 10.30am. Tools provided but bring suitable gloves.

Bird Walks on Saturday 3rd May 5am / 8am Visit from orgula for more

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#### HARINGTON SCHEME

Providing unique opportunities for young adults with learning disabilities and/or difficulties. More details including upcoming Open Days at <a href="https://harrington.org.uk">harrington.org.uk</a>

#### HIGHGATE CHORAL SOCIETY

A Season To Sing concert on **Saturday 17th May 7pm** with works by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, Russell Hepplewhite, Ronald Corp, Vaughan Williams, Elgar. Details at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/j.com">https://doi.org/10.1007/j.com</a>

#### HORNSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Making an Entrance – an illustrated talk on **Tuesday 13th May 7pm** by Ray Rogers celebrating the special architectural qualities of Crouch End's houses built at the end of the nineteenth century.

Full details of this and other events, plus lots of resources and interesting local history books to buy at <a href="https://hornseyhistorical.org.uk">hornseyhistorical.org.uk</a>

## HORNSEY PENSIONERS ACTION GROUP

Contact Ann Anderson via <u>hornseypensioners.ag@outlook.com</u> or on 07757 634405 or visit <u>hornseypensionersactiongroup.org</u>

#### HORNSEY PETANOUE CLUB

Details at hornseypetanque.club

#### LONDON EPILEPSY ACTION

Contact Barbara Penney on 020 8883 0010 or email <a href="mailto:barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk">barbarapenney@yahoo.co.uk</a>

### MUSWELL HILL & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Now in its 111th year, a great network for anyone interested in gardening. MHDHS Summer Show at North Bank on **Saturday 5th July 3pm** Full information at <u>bloomingn10.co.uk</u>

Contact: Jenny Kruss on 020 8442 0031 or bloomingn10@outlook.com

#### MUSWELL HILL BOWLING CLUB

Kings Avenue N10 1PB (next to No. 36)
Founded in 1901 and one of the oldest clubs in north London.
Open Day on bank holiday **Monday 5th May 1 to 7pm**Full information at <a href="mailto:muswellhillbowlingclub.co.uk">muswellhillbowlingclub.co.uk</a> – or contact Richard Johnstone at <a href="mailto:riei938@gmail.com">riei938@gmail.com</a>

#### MUSWELL HILL CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

The Contact Centre, attached to the Methodist Church in Pages Lane, provides a friendly and supportive place where the children of separated parents can meet their non-resident parent in a neutral and safe space on Saturday mornings. Further information can be obtained from our website <a href="mailto:mhmc-contactcentre.org.uk">mhmc-contactcentre.org.uk</a> or by email at <a href="mailto:contact.centre@mhmc.org.uk">contact.centre@mhmc.org.uk</a>

#### MUSWELL HILL METHODIST CHURCH

Details including groups at mhmc.org.uk

#### MUSWELL HILL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Meet on **Wednesday evenings** at Friends Meeting House in Church Crescent, and warmly welcome new members. Information at muswellhillphoto.org.uk or email contact@muswellhillphoto.org.uk

#### MUSWELL HILL SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

A local action group helping residents live more sustainably - saving energy, cutting waste, growing food locally and travelling greener. We work with other local groups, businesses, Haringey Council and our community energy company en10ergy. All are welcome to our regular speaker meetings, advice events including Green Open Homes, and social activities. Details at <a href="mailto:mhsgroup.org">mhsgroup.org</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@mhsgroup.org">info@mhsgroup.org</a>

#### **NORTH LONDON CHORUS**

A friendly local choir - visit <u>northlondonchorus.org</u> for details. Next concert on **Saturday 12 July 7.30pm** at St. James Church will include Elgar, Brahms and Mahler.

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Lunchtime concerts at the church on Alexandra Park Road organised by V&J on **Saturday 10th May 1pm** with Ferico Bucaioni (piano) playing Mompou, Brahms, Liszt and more; and on **Saturday 14th June 1pm** "From Baroque to Modern Music in Two Violins" with Talia Ramos and Pablo Castro. Details at <a href="mailto:alexandrapark.org">alexandrapark.org</a>

#### ST. JAMES CHURCH

Details including groups and concerts at st-james.org.uk

#### **WAVE HUB**

Regular events including the Wave Café, art, dance classes and wellbeing at <u>wavehub.org.uk</u> and see article on page 4.

## **Membership Secretary wanted!**

Volunteering is often interesting and rewarding. We love to hear from members who are thinking about getting more involved in the local community.

In particular, we are looking for someone interested in the role of Membership Secretary, to manage our members' administration and join the Committee as we work to engage with and expand our membership.

Our Committee is a friendly bunch and there is flexibility in adapting roles to fit individuals.

To have an informal chat please contact any of the Committee members listed on page 2 or come to our AGM (see page 2).

We look forward to hearing from you!

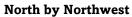
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# Friday Night is Music Night - Paris in the Jazz

30th May, Alexandra Palace Theatre

Swinging jazz, sizzling melodies and sheer glamour as the BBC Concert Orchestra raises a glass of champagne to jazz-age Paris – and gets ready to party like it's 1929.



11th - 22nd June. Alexandra Palace Theatre

Theatre legend Emma Rice takes on film legend Alfred Hitchcock in this riotously funny reworking that turns the original thriller on its head. With just six shapeshifting performers, a fabulous '50s soundtrack and a LOT of suitcases, this dazzling

production plays with the heart, mind and soul. Join us for a night of glamour, romance, jeopardy and a liberal sprinkling of tender truths. Suitable for 11+.

Details about this and many other shows and events at alexandrapalace.com/whats-on



## **Before Nell & After Agincourt** 27th May - 8th June, Upstairs at the

Gatehouse

Before Nell follows a boy actor preparing to play Nell Quickly AKA Madame Pistol in the first-ever Henry V. It offers a heart-breaking, darkly comic, and meticulously researched glimpse into the era's hardships and social dynamics. After Agincourt is a visceral recounting of the 1415

English invasion of France. Set in The Boar's Head Tavern seven years later, a drunk, bitter Pistol relives the brutal campaign in vivid modern vernacular, tearing down the heroic myth of King Henry V.

Details about this and other shows including drama, magic and musicals at upstairsatthegatehouse.com



#### The JL Sessions

15th May, 26th June and 17th July, Jacksons Lane

Free live music curated by Highgate musician Steve Somerset, Each month his band, The Lost Weekend, will take the stage alongside special guests. Best of all, these nights are completely free and open to all.

Details about this and other shows at jacksonslane.org.uk

## Membership

If you live, work, or just enjoy spending time in Muswell Hill, why not join over 700 other members of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association. For just £10 annual membership for households, or £25 for businesses and organisations, you can support our actions and campaigns; receive six bi-monthly newsletters with local news and events; receive email updates with community news and developments; attend members' meetings; and come to our annual guided local walk. Join at mhfga.org/membership

We encourage existing members not already set up on Direct Debit to do so at membermojo.co.uk/mhfga/renew where you can also renew using PayPal. For any membership queries, please get in touch via membership@mhfga.org

We are pleased to welcome all of our recent new personal and corporate members including Reformed Gardens who are passionate about transforming ordinary spaces into extraordinary landscapes that captivate and inspire (visit reformedgardens.co.uk) and The Little Gym who offer a wide variety of gymnastics classes to help children of all ages reach their potential, including parent-child classes and pre- and primary school gymnastics, as well as holiday camps and birthday parties.

Leigh Brown

## Our business and organisation

members are key parts of our community. You can find links to their websites at

## www.mhfga.org/ directory

Angela Rose **Baby Sensory Broadway Beauty Broadway Pet Stores Broadway Pharmacy** Capital Gardens

Clissold Arms Cloud 7 Brunch Cosi Homewares **CPotential** Dunn's Artisan Bakers East Finchley Open Artists Fornaro Pizza Gallalock Gibfit30 Greens of Highgate Harmony Coffee House & Soft Play Hornsey Pensioners House of Books (Fanshaw Books) **Knights Gardens** La Petite Colline

Children's Bookshop

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Muswell Hill United

Reformed Church

Muswell Hill & District Horticultural Society Muswell Hillbilly Brewers New Wave Tattoo Norfolk House School North London Chorus North London Symphony Orchestra Panoptica - MH Optical Ltd Reformed Gardens Robert Linsky Optometrist Roni's Bagel Bakery Sally Bourne Interiors Snappy Snaps Muswell Hill Sounds & Shapes (V&J) St Andrew's Church, Alexandra Park

St James's Church, Muswell Hill Tatlers Estate Agents The Cut Barbershop The Good Rooms The Harington Scheme The Little Gym The People's Pantry The Robin Kiashek Osteopathic Clinics Total Boxer Walter Purkis & Sons WAVE Hub Woodland Tree Surgery Yogamatters