

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2015

### **Fun for all!**

The Estate's Mid-Summer Party is taking place this year on Sunday afternoon 21st June. Keep the date free...More to follow

### **New Committee Member Sought**

Olive Gatenby has recently retired from the Estate Committee after 29 years working as a member and a 18 years as a Trustee. Li Weinreich is also standing down after 5 years as Secretary. The committee would like to thank them both for all their hard work and support.

We are therefore now looking for 2 plot-owners to join the Committee. Please contact Peter Wesley on 07887 944850 for more information.

### **Restrictions to Permitted Development affecting windows, driveways & gardens**

The Estate's Conservation Area Advisory Committee would like to advise Plot-Owners that in 2008 the Government passed legislation that modified Permitted Development rights. The relevant legislation is the '*The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Order 2008*' and two notable changes were;

1. The materials used in any exterior work (other than materials used in the construction of a conservatory) shall be of a similar appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing dwelling house otherwise Planning Permission is needed.
2. If an area of ground exceeds 5m<sup>2</sup> and is to be covered with a hard surface then either the hard surface shall be made of porous materials or provision shall be made to direct run-off water to a permeable / porous area within the curtilage of the dwelling house.

The effect of (1) is that in most cases planning permission is required if windows are to be replaced, particularly if the material changes (i.e. from timber to uPVC). To date Camden have not approved any uPVC windows.

For (2) the main impact is on drives / paving in gardens. Either permeable systems (Marshalls Piora, Brett Alpha/Omega Flow, permeable tarmac, etc) are to be used or the surface is to drain either into a soak-away or into the surrounding garden, if not Planning Permission must be obtained. To stop rain water running off into the road it is normal to install a small Aco drain across the drive at the pavement boundary.

Failure to comply with this legislation can be expensive requiring extensive modification of completed work.

### **Cycle Riders**

We have had several complaints about cyclists riding on the footpaths. Pedestrians do not expect, and often do not hear, a bike coming up as they walk on the footpaths. This can be very dangerous for both pedestrian and cyclist alike. Please do not ride bicycles on the footpaths.

### **Attempted Burglaries**

Residents at the bottom of Hillway had an attempted break in whilst they were in their home a few nights ago. They managed to scare them off.

The police attended and seemed to think that the main reason for the attempt was the fact that they did not have any lights on. They advise everyone to leave the porch light on (all night if necessary) and some light in a front room.

### **Anti Social Behaviour**

We have been plagued of late with car loads of young men sitting on the Estate, mainly late at night, making noise, smoking drugs and leaving litter. If you see anyone please call 101 with the registration number, and also let us know. The police are speaking with the miscreants so hopefully this will put a stop to their visits.

### **Vehicle Crime – A reminder from our Safer Neighbourhoods Team**

Did you know that...

- Most vehicle crime is preventable. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car. If at all possible, leave nothing on view.
- Never leave valuable items in your car, including sunglasses, the removable radio cover and your Sat Nav. Do you really need all those things you keep in the glove box?
- Wipe away the Sat Nav mark on your windscreen.
- Consider fitting anti-tamper screws to your number plate.
- Never leave your car keys where they can be seen from the front door.

### Vehicle common sense

#### *Always*

- Close the windows and sunroof, lock the doors and activate any security devices when leaving your car unattended.
- Park with care, particularly at night or if you are leaving the vehicle for a long time. If possible, park in a busy, well-lit area.

#### *Never*

- Leave cash, credit cards, chequebook, mobile phones, vehicle documents or other valuables in the car.
- Leave your keys in the car, even for a second - treat them as you would your cash and credit cards.

Any information can be passed to the Team on: 0208 721 2699

Email: [Camden.Highgate.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:Camden.Highgate.SNT@met.police.uk)

#### HLE FOREMAN CONTACTS:

Mobile phone: 07447 869570 Email: [foreman@hle.org.uk](mailto:foreman@hle.org.uk)

Due to seasonal workload, the Foreman's mobile will only be answered at 12:00–13:00 during the week. Please leave a text or voice message at other times.

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## The Holly Lodge Community Centre at 30, Makepeace Avenue

Our present Community Centre is tired, scruffy and run down, BUT we have ideas to put this potentially exciting place where it belongs – in the very heart of the community. We are hoping to transform the space into a bright and welcoming area with a modern kitchen that will be a pleasant meeting place for workshops, parties, exhibitions and classes. We hope to have these refurbishments done in the next few months. We can then offer a range of services depending on what residents on the whole estate would like. As we build up support and funds, we hope to be able to reinstate and introduce some regular events for older people, as well as building up our classes.

Below is a list of the classes that run regularly every week:

**Mondays** – 4pm – meditation, **Tuesdays** – 7pm – Judo **Wednesdays** – 2.30pm – Yoga **Thursdays** – 2pm and 7.15 pm - Yoga. If anyone is interested in a regular Zumba class, to run on Tuesdays from 9.30 am, please let us know as we can set this up if enough people are interested

### HLCC Events in May

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – 6.30 – 7.30 : councillor’s surgery [ every second Friday of the month]
- Every Monday in May, up to June 1<sup>st</sup> – Gentleman’s cookery club – 11am – 2pm
- Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 11 – 2pm **TABLE TOP SALE – see below**
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm: a 50s themed tea party for the over 50s – dress up and come!
- Weds 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30 – 9,30 pm: Holly Lodge Women’s Institute meeting. Ladies, come and meet us. [ every third Wednesday of the month] Something new every meeting, plus other events as wanted.
- Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>: “Give and Take” event – just as it says – bring something and take something else away!

The table top sale will have lots of Items that are new, nearly new or vintage, and refreshments will be served. Do come and browse. If you haven’t returned your survey from the last newsletter yet, please do – your views are important. Donations of any sort are welcome – small, but regular monthly donations would be marvellous, as they will give us a steady income. Many thanks to all you generous people who have already helped us. People are also needed – if you’d like to be involved in any way – contact us!

Barbara Smith

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