

Dear Members,

What a sizzling summer we are having!

While I am writing this I am being assailed by the enticing smell of a barbecue drifting in from one of my neighbours. I can also hear happy chatter and laughter from a small group relaxing in their back garden with a couple of bottles of wine. Soon others will be drifting off to the seaside or exotic holidays perhaps, the stress of toil and exams over for a little while...

Gloria Chandra
Chair, WHPARA



Family Fun Day

Our New Website

You may have noticed that our new website is now up and running. We think it looks better, contains clearer information and is easier to navigate, but we would welcome your views.

We are always looking at ways to improve the website, so if you have any ideas or suggestions for content, whether it's local information, news, events in the area or just something you feel is of local interest, we would love to hear from you.

We hope the website will become a useful and informative resource for our members, as well as those in the wider community.



This year's Family Fun Day attracted a good number of friends, neighbours and their families, all especially enjoying the spectacle of the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Rev

Rob Powell, being "sponged" by the youngsters. It was a particularly hot day and our intrepid Vicar rather enjoyed being showered with wet sponges! A big favourite was the Bouncy Castle for the more energetic, the Lucky Dip full of little surprises and a chance to make-believe and have your face transformed into a beautiful butterfly or fierce tiger.

It was a great day for all.

Save the Date!

The Annual Charity Concert is scheduled for Friday, 3rd December at St. Andrew's Church, in aid of the Cold Weather Night Shelter for the Homeless. Once again, Layil Barr and her musical ensemble will be putting together an exciting programme for our entertainment. Each year we have been thrilled and delighted by their versatility and professionalism and we are expecting no less this year. Details of the programme later on our website.

AGM Review

It seems a long time since our AGM in April when we elected Kay Clarke, Heather Eggins, Michael Heath, Malcolm Jack, Romy Jenkins, Sean Madigan, David Seton, Tony Wylam and myself to the WHPARA Committee. Although Caroline Oakes decided to step down from the Committee she will continue to liaise with the Police on our behalf on the Hillrise Safer Neighbourhood Team.

We also met the candidates for our Local Council Elections and as you know, the Labour Party is now in control of Islington. However, Greg Foxsmith retained his seat as our Council Representative.

In case you were unable to attend the AGM here's a brief summary of the past year's activities:

- We produced two Newsletters (Autumn 2009 and Spring 2010).
- Liaised with Islington Council and held a public meeting to disseminate information on the preventative and practical measures regarding the expected Swine Flu outbreak.
- Organised a Charity Concert in November in aid of the Cold Weather Night Shelter for the homeless at St. Andrew's Church.
- Held our Annual Family Fun Day in July.
- Arranged a demonstration with the Police on the Hillrise Safer Neighbourhood Team on SmartWater protection for valuable property and also simple security measures that could be adopted by householders.
- Supported the campaign against the closure of the A&E department at the Whittington Hospital.
- Finalised development of the new WHPARA website.
- Cooperated with Islington Council in producing a "Conservation Letter" for the guidance of householders undertaking building/renovation works in our area.
- Continued to have a representative on the Hillrise Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- Maintained links with local organisations e.g. Better Archway Forum (BAF), the Highgate Climate Action Network (HICAN), and Islington's Planning and Conservation Department.

WHPARA Online

Local Traders

We are compiling a list of local traders and services that have been recommended to us by our members. If you have anyone you would like to add to the list please let us know.

Exchange Forum

If you have any items to give away, swap or sell, this is the place to go! Still in its infancy at present, we hope this section will become a

useful resource.

Local History

We would like to include a section in our website devoted to the history of the area. If you have any information, pictures, anecdotes, articles or useful links, please let us know.

Your Shout

This is the section where you can air your views, request information, post information or respond to previous posts. We look forward to hearing from you!

POLICE

Nuisance Caller

Recently a number of residents in Gladsmuir Road have complained about a man knocking on doors enquiring about painting, repairs and other household jobs that he was offering to do. Unfortunately for him, his persistence was regarded as suspicious. On investigation by the Police he proved to be simply touting for work. He has been warned not to make a nuisance of himself and has promised to cease his endeavours but if he reappears on your doorstep you are

advised to inform the Community Police on 020 8345 3921.



SmartWater

Have you noticed these signs at the top and lower end to some streets around the area?

We are interested in your reactions to these notices. For instance, do you think they are an effective deterrent to burglars? Do they indicate that it is an unsafe neighbourhood, that crime is rife? Or are they simply an eyesore?



given us:

1. A new showerhead that saves water.
2. Something in the kitchen that fits onto the tap and does like a concentrated power wash with less water.
3. Draught proof the doors around the house (she came with all the kit, including electric drill to install it all, and would have done it).

Also - she also told us a bit about central heating and alternatives.

It's a free service, and they aren't busy now. In the winter there is a 3-month wait list. We were really impressed with her and the service. The number is 0800 953 1221 and her name is Emily and she operates from the Islington Green Living Centre."

Islington Energy Doctor

Kate Calvert of Better Archway Forum sent us this report from a happy member following a visit from one of the Islington Energy Doctors:

"We had a 1.5 hour meeting – and basically – a really, really nice woman installed stuff (for free) around the house. It could have been just 45 minutes – we just enjoyed talking to her, as she was very amusing.

She gave us some light bulbs, put in reflective panels behind radiators (and fitted them), and some power down plugs in the living room. We talked about solar panels – all very interesting ...this is something that we are looking into.

Had we been able to use these – she would have

Membership

If your membership has lapsed, why not fill in the form below and return it to us. If you're a fully paid up member, why not ask someone you know in our area who hasn't yet joined to do so.



I/We would like to join/renew our membership of WHPARA for 2010 and enclose the subscription of £5.00 per household.

Name

AddressTel. No.

E-mail (to receive information, news, etc from WHPARA). This will not be given to any third party.

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Please return to Heather Eggins, Membership Secretary, 74 Whitehall Park N19 with your cheque or postal order made out to WHPARA (no cash please).