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HHGERA News

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill Garden Estate Residents Association www.hhgera.com

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The Residents Association owns and maintains the gated service roads and most of the communal gardens on the Estate. Our Constitution outlines all the activities we undertake on your behalf. The Constitution together with a host of information and news can be found on www.hhgera.com. We hope you enjoy this edition of our Newsletter which forms part of our commitment to keep you informed and to promote a stronger community. If you would like to help out contact: volunteer@hhgera.com.

OBITUARY: John Alderton by Bill Bailey

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HHGERA John and Brenda Alderton moved into their house in Princes Gardens in 1964 as newly weds. In the next few year their daughters Wendy and Julie were born.

John very soon became involved with the (houses) Residents Association, serving on the Committee for a number of years. He was Chair in 1972 & 73 and then Hon Secretary for the next three years.

In 1973 he oversaw the creation of the HHGE Residents Association covering the whole of the Estate. During this time redevelopment of the Metal Box factory site to the north east of the Estate began. It was to take 10 years and included the creation of Groveside Gardens houses at the angle of Tudor Gardens.

John was heavily involved on the Houses Committee in vetting this massive development and protecting the interests of residents on the Estate, particularly in ensuring the acoustic screens. This was key as the screen of poplar trees behind 83 - 167 Princes Gardens were dead or decaying. Negotiations with Metal box were successful and they replaced them and replanted. John later served as a HHGE subscriptions collector for many years.

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

We continue to offer support for those who need assistance during these difficult times. Volunteers have been able to help their neighbours with shopping, collecting medicines, food donations and even computer issues!

THANK YOU to everyone who has offered to help. If you need support, please contact support@hhgera.com or call Dion on 07515 029725 to find out more.



The charming approach to the Estate

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ESTATE BROCHURE

When we can have an event, we have some wonderful documents showing the history of the Estate to show you!

And some fantastic people who can tell you all about it. We thought we'd share this picture with you for now, from the original advertising brochure for the Flats.

FLATS CHALLENGE: INCREASE OUR FOOD WASTE RECYCLING

Those in the HHGE Flats will know that when food is put into the shared wheelie bins, it can cause problems with smell, and attract flies and animals. This can be very unpleasant. It also takes up space which can be an issue when you are sharing with neighbours.

We could help solve these problems and help the environment too, by recycling more of our food waste.

Food waste sent to landfill doesn't break down harmlessly, but instead rots and releases gases such as methane, which contribute to global warming. If food waste is recycled instead, it can be harnessed for electricity or used as compost.

Ealing Council collects food waste every week from the front of the flats. The 'Green Bins' need to be placed outside in the morning, before 7am. Please don't put them out the night before, as the foxes and birds can tip them over! Make sure the handle is locked, with the handle pushed down at the front of the bin. To be extra safe, you can place something heavy on top of the bin.

You can recycle:

- cooked and raw food
- meat and fish (bones)
- vegetables, fruit peelings, egg shells
- dairy products (cheese and yogurt)
- tea bags and coffee ground
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- newspaper to wrap your food
- compostable liners

Please do not place the following

items in your food waste bin:

- pet litter or pet faeces (poo)
- any kind of packaging
- plastic bags
- nappies
- liquids
- kitchen roll
- other general waste



You can request a food waste green bin by calling the council customer services on 020 8825 6000. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see a parade of green bins on collection day?

You can also think about sharing any food you might not be able to use with your neighbours, Ealing Food Bank, or using a food sharing app!



GARDENS

Many thanks to both the HHGERA and the Flats Gardeners for all their hard work through the hot weather we have had.

We've included some photos to celebrate our wonderful gardens:







SERVICE ROADS AND GATES

There have been a number of incidents recently of parked cars blocking rubbish collection lorries and unauthorised dumping of waste on the service roads. We also had a serious incident of a fire, with access blocked by a car. At least one garage has been broken into, possibly because a service road gate was left unlocked.

Services roads are privately owned by HHGER Ltd. Residents have a right of access to their garages but no right to leave anything on the service road apart from Council wheelie bins, and then only on the day of collection (usually Thursday). With a change to bin collection planned by the council soon, we need to make sure things work smoothly. We do not want to have to consider collection of bins from the front of house.

Please follow these simple rules:

- * NO dumping of waste of any kind apart from in wheelie bins
- \bullet NO parking at any time on the service road
- ALWAYS locking service road gates after going in and out

Please help by following the rules and asking your immediate neighbours do the same. That way we can keep the Estate as a peaceful, beautiful and safe haven in these difficult times. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

- Welcome back to the flat's caretaker Ola after his illness. We are delighted that he is feeling better.
- Please water any new street trees that are near where you live - especially on Queens drive. They need a bucket of water a week all through the summer, even if it rains, or they'll die.

 Check out our new Facebook page – facebook.com/groups/HHGERA (you'll need to be registered on Facebook).



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - NHS Test and Trace: This government service is extremely important in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public get on board with it. However, it is important to remember that NHS Test and Trace will never ask you for financial details, PINs or passwords. They will also never visit your home. **Contact tracers will never**:

Ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to us (for example, those starting 09 or 087).

- Ask you to make any form of payment.
- Ask for any details about your bank account.
- Ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts.
- Ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone.
- Ask you to purchase a product.
- Ask you to download any software to your device or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet. Ask you to access any website that does not belong to the Government or NHS.

Whilst it is possible for criminals to fake official phone numbers, they cannot fake official website addresses. We would encourage anyone with concerns about a phone call, text message or email they have received, in relation to Test and Trace, to check the website address being provided to you carefully. If possible, type the official address, which will be https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk followed by unique characters given to you, directly into your browser.

If you think you have been sent a scam message, please report it to: Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/



SERVICE CHARGE COLLECTIONS FOR 2020 by Neil McNair

We live in a beautiful estate with several gardens and a Service Charge of £60 is levied on every house. The money collected funds the gardeners and the maintenance of the service roads and security gates.

It has been challenging to organise the Service Charge invoicing this year with the outbreak of Coronavirus, however great care has been taken to ensure the safety of residents and collectors and full details of precautions taken can be found on the HHGERA website.

Invoices have been delivered to all houses and payments are off to a brisk start with almost £6,000 collected so far from our target of £20,000.

Collectors are unable to visit house to collect payment, so we urge all residents to pay by online bank transfer, though cheques are also acceptable and full payment details are in the invoice.

If you have not yet paid there is an administration change by our bank and the correct account name is:

Hanger Hill Garden Residents Association

(Not Hanger Hill Garden Estate Residents Association as previously.)

Full details on the invoice delivered to your door.

Many thanks to those who have paid but if not please pay promptly and help keep the estate a safe, secure and attractive place to live.

MIYABI NURSERY

I was pleased to speak with the founder of Miyabi Nursery, and am happy to let the residents know of this brand new service that they will be able to use for their children. I asked Zekel what is unique about Miyabi in comparison to others and what was his vision is for its future ?

He said that Miyabi have practitioners who are expertly trained and committed to creating an environment where each child feels safe and valued: "This is, first and foremost, the most important thing for us. I would also say that our bi-cultural approach to childcare makes us quite unique. Since 1860 there has been a long history of

Japanese expats living in Ealing, which is largely due to the Japanese



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR

The Estate's gardens and green spaces have been a haven during the Coronavirus lockdown but as we all spend more time out of doors, please be considerate to your neighbours. A lot of people living here have health problems, including respiratory disorders which can be made worse by smoke. Ealing Council has banned bonfires until further notice. But do also try to stop smoke from your barbecues drifting toward your neighbours, and keep down the noise especially in the evenings. We are aware of difficulties around the bench on the south side of Princes Gardens, and are talking to the local councillors about solutions to this. If you know anyone who uses this bench late at night, please ask them to stop as it is causing significant noise and distress to those who live near it.



school, and as such, we have been fortunate to have access to Japanese groceries and restaurants. From my time spent in Japan, I was able to witness first-hand the style of childcare there: radio taiso (parent and child morning exercise), the cleanliness (e.g. no shoes worn inside) and the respect children displayed towards each other and their teachers; I was amazed. I thought a fusion of Japanese standards of living and practices combined with British values would be appealing and something which appealed both to Japanese and non Japanese equally.

We envision Miyabi to be a place where children are full of joy, inquisitive, self reliant and respectful to others. We hope that we can contribute to our local community by offering outstanding childcare, creating the perfect environment for readiness for school life at a local school or the Japanese School (for Japanese children).

We also intend to host many events, in unison with Wasps. The facility there is spacious and the team there are so friendly."

For further information and all contact details please visit the nursery's website here: https://miyabinursery.com/