September 2016

Useful contacts

Street cleaning, rubbish and

abandoned car removal 8314 7171

Safe Neighbourhood team 8721 2488

Garden Waste: the green sack service has

There is an introductory offer of £45 until

You can recycle your own kitchen waste by ordering a compost bin for £10 from

the Council (who also run free composting

ceased and has been replaced with a

brown bin weekly service for £60 pa.

31st March. You can sign up via the council website or call 02083149756.

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Lewisham Council:

Noise (weekdays)

Green waste service

Police (non-emergency)

Waste and rubbish

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workshops)

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NEWSLETTER

Yard Sales



Saturday 17th September

11 am to 2 pm

If you'd like to host a yard sale on this day and be included in our listings, (for free) please contact Jenny Wood at jennywood100@hotmail.com or at 164 Inchmery Road as soon as possible.

It's a great way to meet your neighbours and give your unwanted stuff a new home.

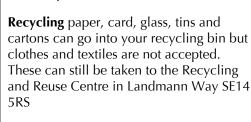
Free teas and coffees at 64 Bargery Road -- all donations will go to the area's Tree Fund

Tree Fund grows

We have now raised enough money to order six trees this autumn (they cost £240 each). Many thanks to all those who have donated. If anyone would like to contribute, or would

especially like a tree outside their house, or be a tree guardian, please get in touch with our Tree Officer, Alice Baker at:

Alicejanebaker@btinternet.com



Mattress collection you can have your mattress collected free of charge book online or call 02083147171. There is no need to dump it!

The Council will collect up to three large items for £15 and a fridge or freezer for £30.

Fly tipping is an offence those caught can incur a large fine. Please report instances of fly tipping to the Council on 02083147171 or use the fix my street app at www.fixmystreet.com



Some of the trees we will be planting will replace those lost in the Great Storm of 1987. Photo of Penerley Road in 1987 by John Strange.

Letter from the Chair: Kate Richardson



Dear all,

We seem to have had a very busy few weeks since I last wrote.

First, a big thank-you to the Committee for

making the Squares Day such a successful occasion: without the work that goes on behind the scenes these events would not happen, and thank you too to all who attended.

Dumping has been a big issue in the area. In March a suggestion was put forward at the Catford South Assembly that the blue Lewisham litter bins should be removed as it was felt that these bins attracted dumping. Lewisham Council were willing to trial this in our area. However, before this happened I did pointed out that the residents and members of the CGRA should be asked. I sent out an email to all members (currently around 200*). I also put a blog onto the website. I have to say that out of the replies (over 30) I have had only one person is in favour of this suggestion. The preferred option is a camera. I have written to Nigel Tyrell (head of Environment at Lewisham Council) asking about the cost of having a camera. Other

suggestions included more bins of a different design (fox-proof!) I have requested him not to remove the present bins.

The unveiling of the plaque on Inchmery Road to Antarctic explorer William Colbeck will take place on 10th September. Congratulations to Sandra for achieving this memorial to her famous grandfather.

We plan to start our tree planting programme this Autumn/Winter. CGRA need to inform Lewisham about the identified pits by the end of September. For this round we are concentrating on Arran, Culverley and Thornsbeach. If you would like to contribute to the tree fund there will be an opportunity to do so on 17th September at 64 Bargery as part of our Yard Sale Event.

Could I take this opportunity to give a "plug" to two things, the first being the Lewisham Card. This entitles you to discounts at independent shops throughout the borough. It is important to support our independent shops: they are vital to the well-being of the area. If you have not got one why not go online and purchase one.

The second one is the love Catford website http://lovecatford.co.uk/news: it is a good way of keeping up to date with what is happening in our area.

Don't forget of course about our own website www.culverleygreen.org where now have a 'trusted local traders' page from residents' recommendations.

The Catford Arts Trail takes place on the weekends of 24th/25th of September and 1st/2nd of October, with 70 artists at over 31 venues. There will be workshops, demonstrations, music, spoken word, pop-up cafes and three sites where installations will be created by artists and visitors during the trail (including a piece being created by Channel 4's Shed of the Year 2016 finalist, Michael Connell). Do please try and support this. Local resident Wendy Arnold Dean has worked hard to get the trail off the ground: many congratulations to her.

Once again, as always, many thanks for your support and I hope to see during our Yard Sale in September or the bulb planting/pumpkin competition on the Green in October or during the Arts Trail.

Kate

*Apologies to those whose emails I don't have and to those hotmail users whose email bounces back. If anyone knows how to fix the hotmail problem please get in touch.

Seventy years ago...

On 20th September 1946, the engine of the 2.10pm from Victoria to Ramsgate was derailed just before Catford Station, taking with it seven of its nine coaches down to the car park of Catford Stadium (now Catford Green). Miraculously only one of the 377 passengers was killed and 16 injured.

The accident was blamed on faulty track.

Amazingly, the line was reopened on the evening of the following day.



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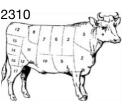
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Noise -- Lewisham Council isn't listening

Diana Cashin

We can all tolerate the occasional loud party, but there have been a small number of anti-social residents in our area who have been making life miserable for many.

When in desperation residents have phoned the Council for help, they found an answerphone message. Unknown to most of us, the Council has decided to stop its out-of-office hours response.

L&Q similarly takes no responsibility and the police, although they have visited noisy properties, have fewer powers in this area than the Council.

The Council won't change its mind, despite lobbying from our councillor Eva Stamirowski and our chair Kate. The budget cut is blamed -- and presumably the Council thinks it doesn't have a statutory duty to maintain an out-of-hours service. We know and appreciate that the Council has to make tough choices, but this seems to be a relatively inexpensive service with a potentially big impact.

A letter to the Mayor asking for the

decision to be reviewed elicited a response from Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney, Head of Crime Reduction & Supporting People, worthy of Sir Humphrey Appleby. This reduction in service hours is not, apparently, a cut at all:

"Rather than cut what is recognised as an important service," she wrote "the Council has chosen to maintain a proactive approach that enables it to gather intelligence that will help officers consider what interventions and possible enforcement action best suits the circumstances.

"The CER [no, I don't know what it means either] service responds to complaints of noise nuisance within 48 hours and will work with the complainant to agree an action plan designed to address persistent noise issues. Officers will attempt to witness the noise taking place at anti-social hours, and potentially issue a notice under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act."

But anti-social behaviour is, almost by definition, unpredictable. It is at its worst after 11pm (the Act states 11pm to 7am as the significant period), just



when there is no response service is being provided by the Council.

The Council has the power to serve notice and seize equipment under the Noise Act (1996) and the Environmental Protection Act (1990) and indeed can prosecute... but only if they measure the noise level within the dwelling of the person who has complained.

Clearly, without an out-of-hours service or a crystal ball this is unlikely to happen.

Many people have expresed their frustration over noise to the CGRA and we will continue to press the Council for an improved service. In the meantime, we should all continue to report noise nuisance either by email to noiseandnuisance@lewisham.gov.uk; or by phone 020 8314 7237 - 9 to 5 Monday to Friday, of course.

Planning matters

Catford Bridge Tavern - Planning permission has been granted for the upper floors to be rebuilt as flats , but on the condition that the pub is retained. The owners are Camden Bars, who run a number of pubs and venues in the Camden and Hackney area. Each seems to have its own identity rather than a single corporate style. Lewisham's conservation officers been

firm about the design of the residential elements, and it is likely that it will be complete by next summer. Thanks to our councillor Alan Smith for this update.

Phoebes - After nearly fifty years on Penerley Road, the garden centre has closed. Only the landscape team remain, and they will leave in November. An application for development was rejected by Lewisham planners in June because of a combination of poor design, adverse affect on the area, failure to comply with Lewisham's guidelines on affordable housing with insufficient justification and a failure to provide an acceptable level of private external amenity space to all proposed units.

There is a rumour that the land has now been sold, but regardless a new planning application from somewhere should be expected sooner or later.

The 19-storey tower - Although there still is no formal notification, we have been told informally that the application was rejected and Barrett will revert to the eight storey design for which they already have planning permission.



The design for the revived Catford Bridge Tavern

Jean's Apple Shortcake

4oz (100g) self-raising flour 4oz (100g) plain flour ¼ level teaspoon salt 4oz (100g) caster sugar 4oz (100g) butter 1 large egg beaten



FILLING

2 level tablespoons marmalade 12 oz (375g) cooking apples peeled and grated Juice of ½ lemon

1-tablespoon caster sugar for sprinkling

- 1. Sift flours and salt together.
- 2. Cream sugar and butter together until light and fluffy, then beat in the egg.
- 3. Mix in flours to make firm dough. Knead lightly and divide dough in two equal parts.
- 4. Grease an 8in sandwich tin and line the base with greaseproof paper.
- 5. Roll out each half of dough into a round to fit the tin.
- 6. Put one round of dough in the tin. Spread it with marmalade and cover with grated apple.
- 7. Sprinkle with lemon zest and juice and cover with the other round of dough, pressing the mixture well into the sides of the tin.
- 8. Brush the top of the cake with water, then sprinkle caster sugar evenly over the surface.
- 9. Bake in a preheated oven at 350F/180c Gas 4 for 35-40 mins until lightly coloured
- 10. Cool in the tin. Turn out and serve sliced.

Freezing note: when cool, turn out of tin, wrap seal label and freeze. Keep up to 3months.

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Culverley Green Conservation Area



Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

Wed 28th Sept - Sat 1st Oct Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat @7.30pm Thu, Fri, Sat @ 2.30pm Catford Broadway Studio Theatre Tickets £8 Matinée / £10 Evening Online - www.artform.org.uk Events diary

17th September 24th-25th September 1st-2nd October 29th October Yard Sale Catford Arts trail Catford Arts trail Bulb Planting and Pumpkin competition

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