

NEWSLETTER



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Green waste service	8314 9756

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Culverley Green Residents Association's A.G.M. will be held on:

Thursday 27th April

at Hartley Hall, Culverley Road

7:30 - 9:30

with a guest speaker on the restoration of the Fellowship Inn, Bellingham

Snacks and drinks will be served. All welcome!

The meeting will include the election of the CGRA committee. Please send any nominations to the Secretary at 64 Bargery Road, or by email to dianacashin@aol.com

A glimpse of the past

Catford Bridge Station opened on 1st January 1857 and this 70-ft long building on the 'up' platform was one of the most impressive on the South Eastern Railway line. Originally, it had an intricate canopy to protect passengers on the platform, similar to the one that still exists at Ladywell. Sadly the building is now disused and has no statutory protection. If you have a good idea for how it could be used, add your suggestions to: <https://catfordtowncentre.commonplace.is>



Return of the mast...

Many of you will remember signing letters of objection against a telecommunications mast on Penderley Road... and then against one on Bromley Road.

Well, they're back, this time proposing a mast (with accompanying cabinets) on Bromley Road near the Post Office depot and about ten feet away from the site of the last application. There is very little information on the Council's website — just a few drawings. Our councillor, Alan Smith, is checking with the

Planning Department whether there have been no modifications to the proposal — in which case the objections the Council raised will still stand — so we hope not to be knocking on your door, but if we do please add your support against this mast.

In none of the applications that have been submitted has there been a justification of why a mast is needed in an area that already has good reception, and one must be suspicious that this may be a box-ticking exercise (it being cheaper to erect a mast here than in say



A similar mast in Torridon Road

the Highlands where it might be needed). Neither has any of the applications said why they won't use the site that was prepared for a mast in the Catford Retail Park. The answer to the latter is perhaps obvious: the mast people would have to pay the retail park a fee, whereas they can clutter up our pavements for free.

Letter from the Chair: Kate Richardson



Dear all,
First can I thank everyone who

came to the Winter Meeting in January. The feedback we had about the speaker Russell Bowes was very positive and we all enjoyed the talk on 'Dig for Victory'.

I hope you are admiring the spring display on the Green. Many thanks to all of those who helped with the planting last October. We are hoping to sow patches of wild flowers so if you



fancy a little more digging please let me know.

I am very sad to inform you of the death of Len Poulson in February. Len was one of the founder members of the Association, as was his wife, Marjorie, who died last year.

At the Winter Meeting I asked what you would like the Residents Association to prioritise and it will come as no surprise that fly-tipping

came top of the agenda. Subsequently I submitted a Freedom of Information request to the Council on this matter, and I will report on this at the AGM, but there is a brief summary in the box to the right.

Despite the Council's efforts, fly-tipping continues so it is important that any new tipping is reported.



Double parking on Penerley Road outside Rushey Green School

I know that many of you are becoming increasingly concerned and frustrated by the number of cars double-parked along Penerley Road at school drop off and pick up times. Not only is this dangerous, but as many of the drivers leave their engines running, it is also very polluting. Parking on the double yellow lines has increased: the lines are there for a reason and parking on them could result in an accident. Both the Police and the Council's Highways team have been informed about these matters. The CGRA will also be investigating why, when residents seem to be struggling to get their children into Rushey Green School, there are so many children arriving by car.

On a lighter note there are a lot of exciting things happening in the area—see the Events Diary on the back page.

Please note that the Summer Fete will be on a Saturday this year, the day before Fathers' Day.*

Our AGM is on 27th April at Hartley Hall where we will have a speaker from the Phoenix Community talking about the plans to restore the Fellowship Inn in Bellingham as a cinema, theatre, cafe and microbrewery.

If you have issues you would like to bring to members attention please let me know in advance of the AGM.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Regards,

Kate

*PS If any of you artists and craftspeople out there are able to donate a prize for our raffle at the Summer Fete, please get in touch.

Fly tipping in Lewisham

- last year across the borough the Council received 2,372 reports of fly tipping
- the Council does have an enforcement team that investigates fly tips including hot spots
- the Council deploys CCTV to the most serious fly tipped locations but this is a very limited resource
- since June 2016 the Council has had the power to issue on the spot fines of £400 (Lewisham was one of the first councils to utilise this new power).
- across the borough more than 40 such penalties have been issued

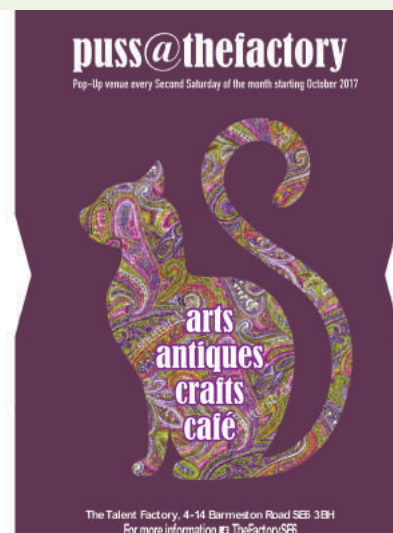
Where was I? That member writes again

The light in the side passage next door continues to flash on and off -a mixed blessing as it does deter foxes. Local cats continue to penetrate the defences of our vegetable patches finding impossibly small spaces to leave their calling cards. Have to call in advice from The Donald at this rate about a wall (sorry - fake news).

In Lewisham today and subjected to loud metallic screeching noise from trains crawling round the curve at the

station. Here's hoping the many occupants of the tower blocks lately to have sprung up in the vicinity have well insulated homes.

On the way noticed more fly-tipping in Penerley Road—this time from an identifiable outsider. Bound to be the last time this happens as we located the spot with a red dot on the Council's map at the last meeting of the Catford South Ward meeting.



Phoebe's: fighting the Slab



The all-day planning enquiry starts to take its toll. The architect (arrowed) asked that he should not be identifiable.

The appeal by the developer over the Council's rejection of their application to build 29 units -- the so-called 'Slab' -- on the site of Phoebe's Garden Centre was held on 14th February. Seven of the developer's men came to defend their scheme, against a team of three from the Council. Fortunately, around 20 local residents were there and gave their views frankly. In fairness, the Inspector, appointed by central government, allowed everyone to have their say, and it was followed by a site

visit, including looking at possible visual impact on Culverley and Bargery roads.

The developer's main argument was that the Slab was an example of good architecture at the same time as admitting that had it been facing a main street a higher standard would have been proposed. The Council wanted quality regardless of location. The developers had nothing of substance to offer except to accuse the residents of being a bunch of NIMBYs.

As the investigation went on, it was clear that the developers were not prepared to concede anything, not even a boundary fence for the development. This surely confirms that it is nothing other than a cheap build with maximum occupancy for maximum profit and zero consideration for anyone who lives here.

We should hear the outcome in a month or so.

How old is your house?



We know that the houses on our estate began to be built in 1902, but the whole of the area was not complete until after

1914. We would like to create a map to show the sequence of building. Do you have the deeds to your house? Do you know when your house was sold to its first owner? If you do, please email the address and date to erickentley@gmail.com. We will publish the map in a future issue of this newsletter.



Catford Film are back again with their Screen on the Green event. This year they will be screening the fantastic musical Hairspray, so join them for this free event on Culverley Green 13th May 19:30 (film at 20:30). There will be lots of fun, music, a licensed bar, and hot food by the friendly folk from Uptown Jerk. Catford Film's full-blown Film Festival will be from 8th to 16th September, and is currently crowdfunding. You can link to it from the CGRA Facebook page, and watch their video of last year's event.

A newspaper found in an attic in Arran Road. It is dated 29th May 1914: the headline on this 5 o'clock edition refers to the sinking of the RMS Empress of Ireland which had capsized that morning after colliding with a Norwegian collier in the St Lawrence River, Canada, with the loss of 1,014 lives.

(Alice Baker)

Jean's Spectacular Summer Fruit Tart



1 x 320-gram ready-made puff pastry sheet

1 egg beaten

2 tablespoons of apricot jam

500 grams mascarpone

3 tablespoons of clear honey

150 grams of raspberries

150 grams of strawberries

150 grams of blueberries

150 grams of grapes

1 Place the pastry sheet on slightly greased baking tray

2 Using a sharp knife score a 2cm edge making sure you don't cut the pastry all the way through

3 Brush the border with beaten egg, taking care not to allow any to dribble down the side

4 Prick the base all over with a fork,

but not the border, and then chill in the fridge for 20 minutes

5 Preheat the oven to 200° C (Gas Mark 6) and then bake the pastry until golden brown, and crisp about 25 mins. Slide onto a rack and leave to cool

6 Once cooled gently press the centre of the pastry down to leave the frame round the edge

7 Heat the apricot jam with a little water to dilute and drizzle over the pastry base

8 In a large bowl beat the mascarpone with the honey

9 Carefully spread the mixture over the base

10 Arrange the fruit on top as shown in the picture.



Catford Arts Gallery & Trail

Applications are open for the 2017 Catford Arts Trail (see Events Diary below): we need artists and hosts. Also we are crowdfunding to support opening the Catford Arts Gallery, a community art gallery in central Catford. Visit our website www.catfordarts.org for details and please help us make Catford arty again!

The CGRA Committee

Chair Kate Richardson, 38 Arran
Vice- Chair Howard Kanini, 146 Inchmery
Secretary Diana Cashin, 64 Bargery
Treasurer Jenny Wood, 164 Inchmery
Social Sec. Jean Strange, 100 Bargery
Events Sec. Jenny Wood, 164 Inchmery
Tree Officer Alice Baker, 48 Arran

Events diary

16 April	Easter Egg hunt on the Green
27 April	CGRA AGM
13 May	Screen on the Green
20 May	Yard sale
4 June	Teddy Bears' Picnic and Storytelling
17 June	Summer fete on the Green
8-16 Sep	Catford Free Film Festival
16 Sep	Yard sale
23/24 Sep	Catford Arts trail
30 Sep/1 Oct	Catford Arts trail
19 Oct	Bulb Planting on the Green
11 Dec	Carol singing on the Green



RESIDENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING ROADS ARE INVITED TO BECOME MEMBERS:

ARRAN, BARGERY, BROMLEY (25-129), CULVERLEY, INCHMERY, NEWQUAY, PENERLEY, THORNSBEACH (1-15 & 2-24)

Street representatives

Arran	Tara Nelson (108)
	Alice Baker (48)
Bargery	Jean Strange (100)
	Diana Cashin (64)
Bromley	vacant
Culverley	François Kitching (94)
Inchmery	Charlotte Little (95)
	Saladin Mecked-Garcia (121)
	Maddie Amos (113)
Newquay	Bob Ballam (59)
	Matthew Wood (80)
Penerley	Jean Strange (100 Bargery)
Thornsbeach	Mark Lingwood (13)

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