



CULVERLEY GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

RAILINGS FOR THE GREEN – UPDATE



Following the last newsletter, two residents stepped forward with an amazingly generous pledge of £1,000 towards the railings... which in turn has prompted two more households each to pledge £1,000. So the Railings Fund now stands at over £14,000. If anyone would like to add to this total, please get in touch with Diana at 64 Bargery Road: dianacashin@aol.com

Our first forays into grant applications (Veolia and the National Lottery Heritage Fund) have not been successful so far but there are many other trusts and foundations for us to try.



'Raise the Railings' mugs on sale at Good Food

CULVERLEY GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

WINTER SOCIAL

THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY
FROM 7.30PM

HARTLEY HALL
CULVERLEY ROAD

WITH GUEST SPEAKER RUSSELL BOWES ON TOOLS OF THE TRADE
(THE HISTORY OF GARDENING TOOLS)
SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED

ALL WELCOME!

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR – KATE RICHARDSON



Dear all,
May I wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. A special thanks for the fantastic advent windows on display this year and to those who lit up the darkness with their Christmas lights.

I have to pass on some sad news on the passing of Bob Ballam who until very recently lived in Newquay Road. His daughter wrote to let his friends know that following an operation he had contracted pneumonia and sadly died. There was a memorial service for him on 11th January which more than 80 people attended.

Bob was a long serving and loyal member of the CGRA committee who, even when he found walking difficult, insisted on delivering the newsletter to residents of Newquay Road on his

mobility scooter. I am sure that many of you would have seen Bob moving down the pavements at some considerable speed on the way to collect his paper! He did tell me once that his eyesight was not what it was and he had difficulty seeing the print but he enjoyed the outing! Bob was a talented painter and often put his pictures in the raffles held on the Green. He will be sorely missed.



At the beginning of each year the CGRA committee draws up a list of priorities. For 2020, as well as fundraising for the new railings around the Green we will also be focussing on working with the Council's planning department to get consistency on their decisions and to understand what any

new planning rules mean for our Conservation area.

We also hope to work with the Council on some of our area's problem multi occupancy properties whose landlords are not managing them as well as they might. It is this poor management that impacts on the immediate neighbours and beyond, whether it takes the form of overcrowding, lack of bins or gardens full of rubbish. Sadly there are some vulnerable people living in some of these properties and it is our hope that by alerting the pertinent authorities the situation can be improved. We'll also continue to lobby for minimising parking outside schools.

Lastly I hope you have noticed that the CGRA Green team lead by the wonderful Alice has been very busy making improvements on the Green and at the apex bed at the junction of Culverley and Bargery. The bed has been dug and a great deal of couch grass removed. Bee friendly plants have been planted and the bed is now ready for the wild flowers to sown. I am looking forward to seeing it in full bloom!

As always, many thanks for your support and I look forward to you at the Winter Social.

Kate

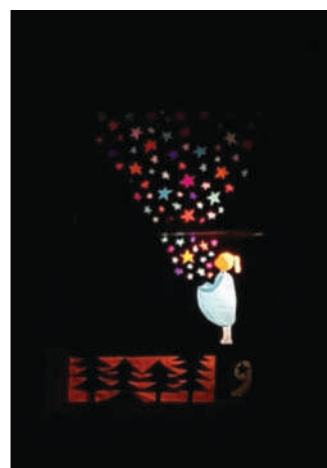
OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, CGRA MEMBERS ...



learnt to make wreaths with Howard



lit up front gardens



created wonderful Advent windows

Happy 2020 everyone

PLANS TO IMPROVE CATFORD BUS GARAGE FRONTAGE

Alice Baker



I'm sure everyone is aware that the Catford Bus Garage on Bromley Road has been an eyesore for some time. Despite Stagecoach's efforts to tidy it up a couple of years ago, trimming the trees and evicting the rats that were nesting there, it still remains a largely unattractive site which constantly attracts a lot of litter.



Recently a couple of members of the CGRA and Ravensbourne Residents Association met up with the manager of the bus garage. During the meeting



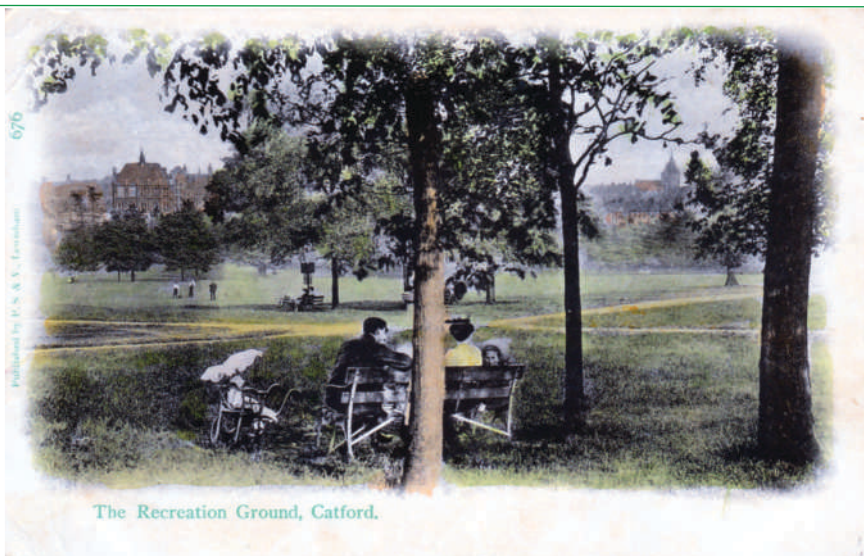
the manager expressed a keen interest in improving the frontage of the Bromley road site, explaining that they had cleared the site with a view to massively improving the frontage, but with little idea of how or what to do with it.

It was agreed that a considered planting scheme needed to be drawn up, and a plan of action formulated. Both residents associations worked together and a plan has now been drawn up which includes:

- removing all the large roots of the ivy which had dominated the site for years,
- digging down several inches removing soil to make way for new soil and planting.
- replacing the coping edging stones,
- filling the planting area with soil improver,
- and finally planting a variety of shrubs/bulbs and climbers to provide all year around interest and colour, and to enhance the site not only for passers-by but also for wildlife.

If Stagecoach agree to fund this work, it is hoped that clearing the area will begin in the next few months, with planting to take place in the October/November 2020.

Photos: Alan Marsh



The Recreation Ground, Catford.

E Kentley collection

LADYWELL FIELDS, 1906

The building on the skyline to the left is Holbeach Primary School (before it was extended). On the right is the old St Laurence Church, where St Laurence House now stands.

Ladywell Fields, also known as the Recreation Ground, had been water meadows and was bought by Lewisham Council in 1889 to create a public open space.

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JEAN'S VEGAN APPLE STRUDEL



Ingredients

750 g Pink Lady apples or similar,
peeled cored quartered and sliced
1½ tsp ground cinnamon
2 tsp lemon juice
100 g golden caster sugar
75 g raisins
95 g coconut oil
40g dried white breadcrumbs
6 large sheets of filo pastry
1tbsp icing sugar for dusting

Instructions

Mix the apples with the cinnamon, lemon zest and juice, caster sugar and raisins. In a small frying pan melt 20g of the coconut oil and fry the breadcrumbs until golden, then add to the apple mixture. Heat the oven to 190°C/gas 5. Melt the rest of the coconut oil in a pan.

Place a clean tea towel with the long edge towards you. Place a sheet of filo pastry on top and brush with some melted coconut oil.

Repeat until you have used all the filo pastry.

Now pile the filling on the filo leaving about 3 cm clear all round. Tuck the ends in, then using the tea towel to help, roll the pastry away from you to enclose all the filling.

Transfer the roll, seam-side down to a baking sheet, and brush with the rest of the melted coconut oil.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes until golden. Allow to cool to room temperature and dust with icing sugar.

Slice and serve with cream or custard.



THE CGRA COMMITTEE

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Newquay	vacancy
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Thornsbeach	Mark Lingwood (13)

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RESIDENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING ROADS ARE INVITED TO BECOME MEMBERS:

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

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CGRA EVENTS 2020

WHAT?	WHEN?	WHERE?
Winter Social	30 th January, 7:30	Hartley Hall
Pancake Race	29 th February	The Green
Annual General Meeting	2 nd April, 7:30	Hartley Hall
Easter Egg Hunt	12 th April, 3:00	The Green
Table sales and Pop-Up	16 th May	The Green
Teddy Bears' Picnic	31 st May	The Green
Summer Fete	7 th June, 2:00	The Green
Pop-Up Sale	TBC	The Green
Pumpkin Competition and Green clean-up	31 st October	The Green

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