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Dear Neighbours,

I'm writing this on a very dull June day—I even put the heating on last night! Who says climate change isn't a 'thing'? So talking about the summer seems a little strange and a long way off. But there are many summer events going on locally and it's good to get out there and support our local organisations and communities.

As we're highlighting a few opportunities this month—I wanted to sing the praises of volunteering. If you've never done it before, or think you haven't got time, honestly, it's such a brilliant thing to do: you can gain such a lot, as well as give. You get to meet new people, learn new skills, as well as the 'feel-good' factor—it's really good for our well-being generally. For young people, it can make all the difference on your CV or in your personal statement: maybe that one element that sets you above the next person for a college place or a job. So, please do check out pages 19 and 23, and Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre listing on page 32. There will also be other opportunities in Brent if you want to find something that better suits your interests. And don't forget, you can always volunteer a little closer to home! We're always looking for residents to join in—we still have Street Ambassador vacancies, as well as other ways you can get involved, get in touch with our secretary if you have a spare hour or so.

As our Safer Neighbourhood Team have warned about Scam telephone calls and emails many times, I thought I'd take a look into how we go about reporting this, and also how we guard ourselves, as much as possible, against them. Some of you might already know this, but for those of you who don't, please see pages 25 and 33 for some brief information with regards to Action Fraud and Cyber Aware—but you should also check out their websites.

On a much lighter note—for the front garden competition this year, it's over to you! Please do nominate a neighbouring garden if it makes you smile or stop for a moment to have a look. If you'd like to join the judging team, please do let us know (first come, first served)— see page 17 for more information.

And finally, if you haven't booked your ticket for the Senior's Summer trip, please see page 30 and book soon, August 7th will be here before you know it.

Until next time,

Kaye

A big thank you to The Ranas from Norval Road for this month's lovely cover photo

If you don't have email and you would like to contact the SCRA, please call: 07933 958 166
(available Mondays and Thursdays 9-5pm, or leave a message/text and we'll get back to you)

Northwick Park Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Dear Residents:

Burglaries:

At the time of writing this article, I am sorry to say that there has been another horrific aggravated burglary on our patch - this occurred on Elms Lane on Friday the 7th of June at about 23.50hrs. The elderly Asian couple were asleep in bed, when at least 2 masked intruders forced entry via the rear patio doors, came upstairs and threatened the couple: the female was threatened with a screwdriver and told to hand over the gold jewellery that she was wearing. The intruders made off with cash and gold via the front door into a waiting car which sped off towards Harrow Road. This was a very traumatic experience for these elderly residents, and very little is known about their attackers except that they are white.

Now I have read on the various What's App groups "What are the police doing?" about these incidents - for starters I want residents to know that these events are not happening in Northwick Park area every day or week, but I would say that it has happened on a bimonthly basis, in the roads off Sudbury Court Drive, when it is dark. There has been an elevated police response to these types of burglaries in particular - detectives attend, there is a CCTV trawl of the area, and there is a heightened forensic response as well. Sadly, however, these burglars are forensically aware and have been using gloves, their faces are covered and their cars have been on false plates, where a registration number has been captured - ultimately it is a hard one to investigate after the fact, so I am appealing to residents to review their home security - the Met Police website has excellent advice on home security under the Information Services, Crime Prevention, at the bottom of the Home page. Start at your perimeter wall and fencing, and work your way

inside, if you have an alarm ensure that you set it on a partial set when you're at home in the hours of darkness. I did the door to door for this aggravated burglary on Elms Lane, and at one address, their porch door was open and it was dusk – if you have a porch door I would urge you to keep it locked,; someone inside your porch is out of sight and could easily try to break in to your main door once inside your porch. As I said, there is some superb advice on the website so please refer to that.

The WhatsApp groups have been great for generating intel between residents, and as a look-out mechanism for the various areas. Please consider joining your local one, there is one in most areas now – email me your address and phone number and I will let the administrator resident in the relevant area know. My email is p199114@met.police.uk

In your walks in the evening or hours of darkness, please be on the look out for cars roving around – if you see the same car driving around a number of times – clock a registration number and mentally note the description of the car, it is not wise to write this down or look like you are observing someone, but if you can manage to do this without any risk to yourself it would be helpful. If you believe that someone is about to commit a burglary then ring 999, if you are unsure but have seen a car roving around then consider ringing 101.

Catalytic Converter Thefts:

Though I have been a motorist and police driver for years, I bought my first car last year from a colleague – a Honda Jazz. Within a week of buying the car, I noticed from the crime stats that the Honda Jazz and Toyota Prius cars were being targeted for their catalytic converters, I thought I was safe enough as I live in a busy road — I thought my little

number was going to be ok. Last Saturday I went out to drive to work, as I was doing a late shift, and there was an almighty loud exhaust noise from underneath my car. I had that sinking feeling, thinking "they haven't, have they?". The noise was so loud it set off my neighbour's car alarm! I was back to the bicycle for my commute. Yes, I brought it to the garage on Tuesday, it was hoisted up, and I could see where they had cut out the Converter. It was going to cost £550 to repair-and the car only cost me £500. And there is always the possibility that it will happen again. Am mulling over what to do anyway, I have been thinking a lot about crime prevention with regard to these car types. So, if you have a Jazz or Prius, vou really need to think about prevention, because these thieves work so guickly - one jacks up the car whilst the other goes under the car with a small cordless circular saw and, within minutes, it is gone. These offences are happening in daylight, as far as I am aware, so if you can keep your Jazz or Prius off road in a secure car park that is guarded that is best. If on the road, get your wheels right next to the kerb, as this makes it harder to jack up; if you can park in the middle of speed humps, then do try - by this I mean that the start of the hump is by the back wheel and the end of the hump is by the front wheel so the middle of the hump is right under your car - this will give less clearance for the thieves to get under your car to remove the CAT. If you have a driveway, leave your car on the driveway in daylight hours and try to put something under it so no one can get access.

If I decide to get my Jazz repaired and reuse it I am planning to do something like that because folks have got theirs repaired and within a few weeks the same has happened again.

I can hear you again say "Well what are the police doing about it?" – we are on the lookout when on patrol. However, I have also seen footage of them doing a Prius on Carlton Avenue West, and the car that they were driving was on cloned plates, they were white males wearing baseball caps with their faces down, so there is not a lot to go on.

Really, if you have a Jazz or a Prius, seriously think about crime prevention measures, or at least think about getting your excess to £0 on your insurance!

Crime Reporting:

Knowing how difficult it is to get through on 101, I did my first online crime report via the Met Police Website as a result of my CAT theft. It was quick and painless—obviously because I know what detail is required I put the relevant information required — I would urge residents to use this method of reporting even if there is no CCTV or lines of enquiry, or witnesses—putting as much relevant detail in as possible and then when you are sent your crime reference number, if you have CCTV footage, email them to tell them.

Pickpockets on buses and bank ATM follow- offs:

Every day of every week at work we have CCTV circulations to view with regard to pick pockets. You would be amazed at the volume of these offences that occur in Wembley, the London Designer Outlet and on the buses around Wembley. I would urge you that if you get cash withdrawals from the bank, put this into a money belt inside your

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clothing, or in a handbag worn across your body at the front. Don't be surprised if you get pick-pocketed if you leave the cash in your wallet in your back pocket or in a handbag that is not on you worn across the front of your body. If you have just withdrawn a large amount of cash, be on alert of anyone accosting you asking for directions, as this is sometimes a ploy. Women distracted with young children and elderly people are most often targeted by the pickpockets.

Thefts from cars:

Do not leave any valuables in your car whilst unattended. Cars can be broken into very quickly, and many people don't even take any notice when car alarms go off. A resident recently left a whole pile of designer merchandise in the boot of the car and it was stolen whilst the car was parked up.

Cold callers:

The problem of cold callers is a persistent issue in this area. There are a number of retired people who live in the Northwick Park area and they frequently get targeted by scam and con-merchants both on the phone and in person.

DO NOT GET ANY GOODS OR SERVICE BY SOMEONE WHO RANDOMLY PHONES YOU OR CALLS AT YOUR DOORSTEP!!

I am astounded with otherwise sensible people giving "work" to cold callers because by doing so you are encouraging them to come into the area!

Remember, 'cold callers' is the term given to someone who you don't know who knocks at your house asking you for work / or providing a service for a fee, e.g. driveway washing, cleaning gutters, laying driveways, roofing work, etc. Why on earth would you give someone you don't know, never met before, don't know their real name, where they live or anything else about them access to your property! It beggars belief. If they are on your driveway or doing your gutters do you not think that they will get to find out who lives at your address and the general layout of your address, don't be surprised if you get conned or burgled if you give someone who cold calls on you "work".

Bottom line do not engage with cold callers.

Littering and fly tipping:

There is a persistent problem of littering and fly tipping, particularly in Peel Road and Byron Road. Peel Road has improved recently but we want to keep it clean.

Your team has been involved in the prosecution of a number of litter bugs and fly tippers. Littering and fly tipping are both environmental offences - fly tipping includes the leaving of unwanted furniture / toys etc on the pavement outside your address, this is an offence of fly tipping and obstruction of the pavement. I have and will prosecute people involved in making the area look dirty!

If you have a waste item/unwanted furniture/item that you want to recycle, then bring it to the charity shop or leave it within your house boundary (behind your wall or behind your gate with a note 'please take' on it).

Report any fly tipping to the council - go onto their website and there is a handy mobile phone App that you can download to facilitate the reporting of various matters including fly tipping. Please contact Brent Council street care department for more info on 0208 937 5050.

WhatsApp Groups:

There are now two Whats App groups functioning in the ward – the Pebwatch group and the SCRA Residents Watch group. For people like me that didn't know what 'WhatsApp' was till a year or two ago — it's a mobile phone messaging group. In these groups residents communicate with each other about suspicious sightings and vehicles seen acting suspiciously. It is a brilliant facility for residents to look out for one another, alert each other and confirm/eliminate whether someone is in the area for criminal activities.

Overview of offences 11th May-11th June:

- 1 Aggravated Burglary: Elms Lane (in 30s odds side, 07/06 2350hrs), at least 2 masked burglars have forced entry via rear patio doors and threatened the elderly Asian occupants with screwdriver, jewellery and cash stolen.
- 1 Residential Robbery: Elms Lane (in 70s, odds side, 21/05 1130hrs -1200hrs), three white males in their 40s have forced entry

through the front door of the flat, elderly Asian female was inside, one of the suspects has thrown her TV remote at her, they ransacked the house.

- 1 Residential Burglary: (i) St. Andrews Avenue (low odds, 15/05 1400hrs - 1700hrs) panel removed from side kitchen door, not known exactly what was taken (ii) Rushout Avenue (23/05 1750hrs), burglars have gained access to porch door of house when disturbed by passing BTP car, have run into silver Vauxhall Insignia and sped off) (iii) Nathans Road (in 30s evens side, 30/05 1230 - 1900hrs) victim was doing gardening in end of back garden when he believes someone gained entry via the back into his living room and stole his wallet; (iv) Sudbury Court Rd (in 90s odds, 06/06 1200 -1600hrs, TV stolen from flat no signs of forced entry.
- 1 Attempted burglary dwelling: (i) Priory Cres, (no 24, 11/05 0120hrs), front door believed suspects involved in cannabis factory trying to get in after police raided it and got it boarded up; (ii) East Court (in 40s evens side, 13/05 1330hrs 1900hrs), front door attacked, window pane smashed, but as door was double locked were unable to get it
- 2 Commercial Burglary: (i) University of Westminster (03/06 1450 1515hrs) laptops stolen, car keys and purse was stolen from staff's office; (ii) Blackhorse Harrow Road (07/06 0355hrs 0410hrs, outside fridge to pub attacked and contents stolen) (iii) University of Westminster (08/06 1700 09/06 1450hrs) rooms forced and computers stolen.

Theft of Motor Vehicle: (i) Northwick Park Hospital (11/05 1900hrs – 12/05 0815hrs), locked motor cycle stolen subsequently recovered; Audrey Gardens (in 30s, 25/04 1000hrs – 15/05 1100hrs) 02 plate Merc car stolen; (ii) Watford Road (in 200s, odds side, 15/05 2000hrs – 16/05 0800hrs), Yahama 300 Xmax stolen; (iii) Elms Lane (22/05 2000 -2300hrs, Honda PCX stolen from street, subsequently recovered; (iv) Bengeworth Road (low evens, 23/05 1300hrs – 1430), 13 plate Ford Transit stolen from driveway;

Theft from Motor vehicle: (i) East Lane (270s, odds side, 20/05 1245hrs), victim left his van

unlocked and unattended and someone in a blue Saab estate stole their lawnmower from the van) (ii) Nightingale Avenue Hospital Grounds (24/05 1000hrs – 1505hrs) Catalytic converter stolen from Toyota Prius (iii) Northwick Park Hospital (24/05 1430hrs – 1530hrs) Catalytic converter stolen from Toyota Prius

Your team would welcome any information on anti-social behaviour or criminal offences occurring in the area—please contact us:

020 87212 969 or **07920 233 752**

NorthwickPark.snt@met.police.uk

Please consult the websites listed for crime prevention tips or, if you do not have access to the internet perhaps speak to us and we might be able to arrange that you obtain a crime prevention pamphlet.

Useful numbers:

Dial **999** in an emergency, where a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

For non-emergencies, ring 101

To give information anonymously call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

Useful websites:

Find a whole host of useful info: e.g. crime prevention, crime statistics, identity theft!

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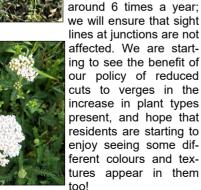
Roadside verges have historically been close-cropped, short grass areas; offering a buffer and a bit of greenery between the pavement and the road. However, there is a huge change happening countrywide, being led in part by cuts in funding together with environmental charities and organisations such as Plantlife, seeking for verges to become areas where nature can also thrive.

In Brent, we are moving with the times, and have decreased the number of times that our verges are cut each year. This means that a closer look at a verge will now highlight an incredible diversity of wildflowers and grasses, beneficial for all kinds of pollinators.



The photos show just some of the wildflowers found in a Brent verge this week.

Whilst we are looking to only cut our verges



The question remains as to what residents can do with verges outside their own house. Our general advice is for residents to enjoy the change in the verges cutting policy and take a close look at what is appearing by way of flowers and grasses due to the reduced cutting programme, rather than seeking to make any changes to the verges themselves. We are constantly reviewing our policies and are currently in discussion about whether residents can take greater involvement in increasing the biodiversity of plants in our verges. We would be very interested to hear more on residents' views and to start a 'verge conversation'.

Finally, I'm told that if you have planted your verge then the cutting team may not cut it

The Pimple

I have received a number of complaints about the state of this area -



- having written to the responsible officer, I have now received this response:

"I have had an officer check the site to day and we have raised an urgent re quest with Veolia to cut the grass on the North side of the park, which should have been cut already. Please pass on my apologies to the resident.

The site was one of the last to be sown with wildflower meadows, so there will be slower growth. I will pass on the request for a path to be mown through the meadow area as well.

The park will be litter picked twice a week and the Neighbourhood Manager can assist in terms of checking for en campments; particularly as we know where they tend to be located on this site."

At time of writing, this has now been addressed.

Sudbury Court Drive Traffic Calming

This scheme appears to have achieved the aim of slowing traffic (no racing anymore) and making the road much easier to enter and exit. However, there have been some partially unexpected consequences which I would like to hear your views on. The use of the service road by people trying to avoid queuing (in both directions) has always been a problem but has now been amplified. If there are any other issues and suggestions (not cameras) please write to me. The Officers have agreed to revisit the scheme if necessary. I believe that some changes to the yellow lines at the end of Bengeworth and Kenelm may be necessary, but the

council will consult with affected residents before installing.

One Public Estate at rear of Northwick Park Hospital

Many of you will have heard that the hospital have sold the rear car parks, social club, nursery and a few other units to Network Homes who intend to build in the region of 1,300 flats in that space (known as Phase I). You will also be aware that the OPE partners promised to consult with you, the local residents - well as you would expect, they are not making it easy for you, by the time you read this the consultations will have taken place!!!! I am doing my best to get a revised set of dates for the consultation, if this is not possible I will try all other methods of contacting you with the details of the two events and the website.

Below is an abridged copy of the email I received on Friday 7th June:

"On behalf of the OPE Partners, we would like to invite you to a public consultation event to view the proposals for a residential-led regeneration of the area around Northwick Park Hospital.

The proposals will include redevelopment of the land between the hospital and the park including; new homes, plans for new buildings for the University, new roads and junction improvements, better pedestrian and cycle connections and new public open spaces.

As part of our consultation we soon will be inviting local residents to two public consultation events on Thursday 27 June and Saturday 29 June. You would of course be welcome to join us at the public consultation on either Thursday 27

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June 4pm-8:30pm or Saturday 29 June 10:30am-2pm (both events will be held at the Social Club)."

If you have any questions about the public consultation, please contact our community engagement team who will be able to provide more information and answer to your questions. They can be contacted via email at NorthwickParkOPE@connectpa.co.uk or by calling 0207 592 9592. Further information can also be found at the project website www.NorthwickParkOPE.com.

Note from Editor—at time of writing, this is what appears on their website:

Northwick Park OPE

Public Consultation

Details of the public consultation will appear here shortly.

Pavements

We have just had it confirmed that Brent Council have borrowed £20 million to begin the replacement of our pavements throughout the Borough. Northwick Park's pavements, which are listed for replacement and are currently out to tender as part of this

Borough-wide scheme, are as follows: Campden Crescent Abbotts Drive East Court Dean Court Holt Road

All the new pavements will be of tarmac with brick vehicle crossovers. Double-height kerbs will be deployed where vehicles illegally drive over kerbs, verges and pavements - an example of this can be found on Oldborough Road.

Residents who wish to have their dropkerbs widened during the works should apply as soon as possible, as the costs will be less if installed during these works. You will though, have to comply with the current crossover policy which can be found on the Brent website and has previously been published in the Courier. I'll ask if we can reproduce the Policy in the next Courier- basically a large proportion of your front garden needs to be soft landscaped, the amount varies between 30 & 50%.

We three Councillors are sorry that we can't afford to replace all pavements, but it does come down to money.

The road choices were mainly decided upon by using the information collected every year about the condition of individual pavements.

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Finally, if you see someone damaging pavements and verges, please, obtain some evidence (photographs of the event and culprit vehicle) - send them to us and we will do our best to make the culprits rectify the damage. There have been several pavement repairs locally this year because of reporting and the recent creation of a highways enforcement team.

245 Bus and Sudbury Town Station

You will probably remember that I wrote about this issue in the March Edition. I'd like to thank those who have written to me and those who have completed the petition forms. The petition aims to reinstate the 245 bus calling at Sudbury Town Station, some of the reasons for this are:

- The long walk from the nearest bus stops to the station
- Loss of safe access to a step free access tube station
- Safety issues having to walk and cross busy roads
- Discriminating against the elderly

- and those less able
- Step free access from bus to station lost
- A blind person now has to use a taxi
- Journey times have been extended by 20 minutes for some. (TFL website agrees)

Please, I am looking for people to take a petition round their neighbours, if you could cover 20-30 homes near you, that would be a real help. Please email me or write providing your contact details and I'll contact you and provide you with some petition forms. My aim is 1,000 signatures which might just sway TFL currently I only have just over 300. Be aware that TFL have sold their car park at this station!!

All completed forms can be returned to me at 16 Pebworth Road or call me to collect.

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The Memory Cafe

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I was very happy to see the excellent Barry (Keith) the Batman writing in last month's Courier. I remember him bringing a lovely little bat round to the vicarage so that we could have a look at it. The bat was like a tiny mouse with wings. It was a great little character.

I then asked Keith to come along to Memory Café and bring a bat or two. His talk was a bit of a sensation. People listened, enraptured, as Keith told us about his love of bats and where you can spot them around here. He also brought in a bat for us to look at and admire. It really was one of the highlights of the first year of Memory Café.

For me, it also showed how our Memory Café has such a unique character. We don't concentrate on the illness or medical issues, instead we aim to have fun and to be part of a loving community. The bat was more than a distraction. It was a way of us connecting with the natural world around us and honouring the creatures we share our world with.

We sometimes have other animal visitors. We have had the odd dog and owner who pop in. People love to stroke these gentle creatures. As yet, my cats have not made it into church and Memory Café. After 4 years here, they are still scared of the church and stay in the vicarage and garden.

I look forward to welcoming Keith and his bats back again to Memory Café soon. I just hope they don't escape and we have to try to catch them from the belfry. I am not sure that would be much fun.

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STOP PRESS – OUR QUIZ EVENING IS SOLD OUT!

Hi friends. It is such a joy to write this little column each month. As some of you know I have been writing journalism for decades. I have written about all kinds of things – music, caravans, God and cats, to name just four. But each month it is a pleasure to think about what might be interesting for my neighbours and friends to hear.

I have to say that I think that the Courier team are amazing. It is no small task to put together a magazine every month. Just editing the thing into a coherent whole can be hard! My first bit of news is that our quiz evening with Shaun Wallace is totally sold out, so we wont be admitting anyone on the door without a ticket. The popularity of the event has taken us by surprise, that's for sure. We are going to have a full house.

What I hope is that the evening will be a celebration of the vibrant community and not really about who wins. One thing for sure is that I wont be the winner – I have never won a quiz at all. But we get together with this harmless fun and we say something about the world. There is so much bad news, and this is a good news story. Community and love make the world go round.

Reading about the horrible aggravated burglaries recently I want to urge each of us to look out for our neighbours. I am praying for people's safety and that the police will catch the culprits and that they will be brought to justice. Jesus urges us to stick up for the lonely and the vulnerable. It is our duty to love our neighbour as ourselves. This is not a passive or non-committal love it means that we wholeheartedly look after them. I am sure that is something we can all agree on.



What Treatments for Hay Fever?

We start with treatments directly to the affected part, eye drops and nasal sprays can be enough to provide good control. Sodium cromoglycate eye drops are effective and safe and considered gold standard treatment for allergic conjunctivitis that comes with hay fever, but they need to be used on a regular basis and started a few days before your eye symptoms start.

Nasal symptoms (generally known as rhinitis) can be very troublesome, affecting quality of life, disturbed sleep and impairing daytime concentration. People with allergic rhinitis are more at risk of developing asthma: upper airways affect the lower airways leading to the lungs, and for many rhinitis and asthma are closely linked. It is important to use nasal sprays as well as asthma inhalers for many asthma sufferers. There are some extremely effective medications for allergic rhinitis, which work by blocking the allergic response and come either as liquid nasules or nasal sprays. There are both non-absorbed steroid

sprays and antihistamine sprays and there is now a nasal spray that delivers both steroids and antihistamine. You must avoid nasal drops that contain decongestants (beware ephedrine) as they cause thickening of the nasal lining and make symptoms much worse.

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Whether it's the traditional well-cut lawn, roses and hanging baskets you prefer, or a more contemporary use of space, it's completely up to you.

We're not looking for perfection. You may even want to just nominate somebody's garden because it has a particular tree that you like. Or a corner of a garden that has a particular mix of plants and colours that draws your attention.

You could also nominate your own garden.





Take a photo on your phone and email your suggestions to editor@the-scra.co.uk by

20th July.

The judging will take place between the last week of July and 1st week of August.
Winners will be announced in the September Courier
Please don't forget to include the address of the garden in your email.

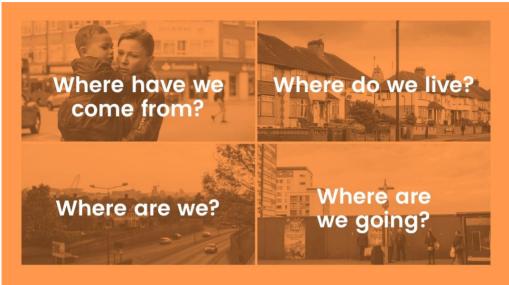
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I'm delighted to say that on Sunday 16th June, Father's Day, we planted a further section of the food forest garden area, including a number of seedlings which our

community group has reared from seed, potted up and looked after during recent weeks.

We've also been fortunate to apply for and secure plants left over from the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in Mav. We received 50 plants in total including sage. basil, thyme, coriander, pineapple mint, strawberries and other edibles.

July and August, then please join our WhatsApp watering group, which keeps track of who is watering what in their spare time, whenever

us to water the plants during

they can get to the garden. Email us with your mobile number to ioin.

As well as planting the seedlings and edibles we also created additional planting areas, mulched them and covered them with wood chip ready for the Autumn Permablitz.

The forest garden is extending nicely along the line of pre-existing shrubs that are bordering the railway fence, starting from the North-East corner of the park. At each Permablitz gardening day, all our efforts are getting us a little bit closer towards the footbridge - our finishing line.

A heartfelt thanks to all of you who joined us for both our Permablitz days-it's fantastic to see families joining in too-even the children digging their heels in (literally!) to create a garden that's going to benefit the local community for years to come.

Susannah Hall, our permaculture garden expert from Permablitz London, visited the garden in early June to check soil and plant conditions. We had hardly any rain at that point, however thanks to the watering efforts of everyone, we got the 'thumbs up' from Susannah.

To help collect and store rainwater, we have installed seating especially designed and constructed for us: made from recycled materials that also serves as a rain water collection tank.

But we still need your help to keep the plants healthy and if you would like to help

The students of Byron Court Primary School and their parents have also done a fabulous job. Jo Harris visited the school's STEM learning event on 6th June. We were delighted to hear that several students are already watering the plants with their parents. The school's feedback was that lots of children are enthusiastic about growing things. This was wonderful to hear given the garden needs the support of the next generation to look after it

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Thanks for the great support. Eleri, Joanna, Rishil and Iris

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I understand that the first cohort of volunteers have just been recruited, but there will be plenty more roles available in Autumn 2019, Spring 2020 and Summer 2020.

You can sign up for the newsletter on the website, or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

www.lboc2020.com



We are looking for young people to help us run our Summer Reading Challenge reading scheme for children. A variety of roles are available for **volunteers aged 15 – 24.** It is a great opportunity to develop skills while taking part in fun events. We want to hear from any young people who love books and reading and want to help.

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- Between 1 April 2018 and 30 April 2019, Action Fraud received 4,755 reports of ticket fraud.
- The total reported losses to victims was £1,654,888: an average of £365 per victim.

With lots of music concerts and sporting events taking place in summer, it is an opportunity for fraudsters to take advantage of unsuspecting fans.

Action Fraud is partnering with the Society of Ticket Agents and Retailers (STAR) to urge people to avoid fraud by taking more care when buying tickets for live events.

Fraudsters will pose as a website or agent for a music concert or festival, a sporting contest, or a live comedian or performer, meaning victims will purchase tickets that either don't arrive or turn out to be fake. So, consumers should always check the contact details of the site they're buying the tickets from.

Last Year, Action Fraud received 4,755 reports of ticket fraud, a decrease of almost a third from the 6,486 reports received in the previous 12 months. It is likely that this was as a result of an increased number of alerts issued that warned people about fraudulent tickets, especially ahead of the World Cup in 2018.

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June should bring us to high summer, but the blustery winds certainly challenged our Rose and Early Summer Show on 8th June. Carrying exhibits into the hall against a westerly gale proved quite hazardous so the set-

ting up of the show had to take place indoors. The show team worked hard to make it all happen and the result - another enjoyable day, with some wonderful roses and a wide variety of other summer flowers and plants on display. It was a special pleasure to see more gardeners from our Asian community The lovely taking part.

peonies in the picture won first prize and a best-in-show certificate for Saro whose beautiful garden near South Kenton station delights all passers-by.

There were many lovely roses, but one of the trickiest classes requires three blooms of the same variety, one in bud, one perfectly formed, the third, fully open. Appropriately, in the wake of D Day commemorations, it was the 'Peace' rose that won this coveted prize this year. First grown in France by Francis Meilland and named 'Madame A Meilland' for his mother, he sent cuttings to the USA for safety during the war. In

1945, the rose was named 'Peace' in the hope that it would influence men's thoughts for everlasting world peace. This strong, healthy variety became very popular when people's gardens were returned to flowers after growing food crops during the war. Rose bushes planted at that time still flourish

in Teresa's garden, and 'Peace', beautifully staged and shown in the picture, won this year's triple prize. There were some delicious offerings in the domestic classes. The children did well too and the judges found it

hard to decide on winners. so joint first prizes were awarded. Putting on the show is a real team effort and it was good to see so many visitors coming to enjoy tea, cakes and conversation as well as look around the flower-filled hall. Make a note in your diary of the next flower show. the Autumn Show on

Saturday September 21st when this year's harvest will be featured. We hope to see you there.

Peonies

In the garden there is always a job to be

done and grass cutting occupies many a summer eve-However, there are nina. changing views about grass and it is now quite acceptable to leave areas uncut, perhaps with a mown pathway through the waving grasses which are now in flower. When did you last see a grasshopper? These attractive creatures used to be common in the hav fields and where grass is left to mature and set seed they are coming back, seen

on sunny days among the flowering grasses. Such labour-saving bio-diversity is to be recommended - perhaps on a section of your lawn - for wildness is certainly in fashion. Why not give it a try?



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JOKES

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A: You strangle it.

Q: What school subject is the fruitiest?

A: History because it is full of dates!

Q: Why did the tomato blush?

A: Because it saw the salad dressing.

Q: What vegetables are sailor's enemies?

A: Leeks

Q: What's small and red and has a rough voice?

A: A hoarse raddish!

Q: What's a vampires favourite fruit?

A: A neck-tarine!

Q: What's brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?

A: A coconut on holiday!

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it wasn't peeling well.

Q: What key do you use to open a banana? A: A mon-key

Q: When is an apple a grouch?

A: When it is a crab apple.

Knock knock! Who's there? Lettuce!

Lettuce who?

Lettuce in and you'll find out!

Knock, knock Who's there?

Bean

Bean who?

Bean a while since I saw you!

RIDDLE

I am an ode number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I? Seven.

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