

The Heron

the newsletter of the North St Margarets Residents' Association



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Welcome to the NSMRA Heron newsletter

The North St Margarets Residents' Association represents the views of residents living in Northcote, Haliburton, Heron, and Newry Roads and parts of Talbot and St Margarets Roads



Looking after your neighbourhood

Ask yourself this "What do you do when you see, hear or are told about something you are not happy about?" "Have you ever noticed anything unusual or 'odd, not quite right' but thought it easier to ignore it?" Like many people you probably thought "it's none of my business" or "someone else will report it." Or "It's too trivial to call the police". Well, guess what? That's what the guy down the road is thinking or your neighbour or the person on the other side of the street. So – No surprise nothing happens. We all need to wake up to what is happening in our own neighbourhood, on our own streets, within our own community. What is the worst that can happen? You have a moment of feeling slightly awkward, you pick up the phone with reservation, you feel a little reticent? Believe me, this is far outweighed by the sense of community and the potential of stopping a crime occurring. Your call matters and can change the life of your neighbour or community.

As members of the public we need to report things we see or hear. The police would rather have ten calls regarding an incident than none. We have all been the victim of some crime or other hopefully only petty ones - think how a crime victim feels – when realising that 10

citizens reported the crime or realising that no-one has? Police can only work with information – crystal balls are not thus far standard issue! They would rather be informed of any snippet of information than have zero to go on. Information is the key, the jigsaw pieces to put together – it is your job to hand them over. You wouldn't withhold that puzzle piece from your child trying to complete the picture on the box so why withhold the snippet of information from the police which might just fill in the missing piece of the picture.

OK So, how do you report things?

If it is an emergency **CALL 999**. You need to use your own judgement, there are no hard and fast rules! If the people causing the concern are still in the area, or you want the police to attend now then don't hesitate.

If you see, hear or are told something you not happy with but which you believe is not an emergency you should contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team. You should keep these contact details somewhere readily accessible. Phone **020 8721 2912** – (You may get an answer phone) Email:

StMargarets.NorthTwickenham.snt@met.police.uk and copy us at nsmra@btinternet.com

For other matters such as lost property, reporting a crime or road traffic matters then the number to contact is **0300 123 1212** . – This is the Met Police non emergency reporting number

Your new Neighbourhood Watch sticker

Attached to this newsletter is your new-style Neighbourhood Watch sticker. Please display this sticker prominently in your front window or on your front door. Imagine the strong message this will send if EVERY property in our area were to display one of these. Please replace your old sticker with this one now and start sending a strong message.

Residents in Haliburton Road will have already received their new sticker from their street coordinator

More news and information on the reverse so please turn over



River Clearing 2010

This year's river clearing on our stretch of the Crane will be on Saturday 19th June. As usual everyone is welcome (not just those with properties backing onto the river). We will be meeting at 89 Haliburton at 1030 for coffee & starting at 11, removing debris and unwanted items from our stretch of the river, and finishing around 1pm. There will be an opportunity for children to wade and dip in the river too. This will be followed by a family tea at 4pm (pls bring cake or biscuits) and a BBQ at 8pm (adult, babes in arms and 16 yrs+ only please) for those who helped out during the day - just bring along a plate of something and a bottle please. To register and for further information please contact Hilary Thomson hilary@hilarythomson.co.uk or phone 8892 7276



The Big Lunch 2010

The Big Lunch was launched last year by The Eden project and by popular demand it's back. This year's Big Lunch will be held on Sunday 18th July. Last year's event was a great success with around 300 people turning out to eat, drink and chat with their neighbours. As before we will be closing off the end of Northcote and Haliburton Roads and are planning music, entertainment and a great atmosphere. Come and join in with your family, friends and neighbours. Just bring some food and drink.

Register online at www.thebiglunch.com and join the Big Lunch in TW1 1PA or call Steve or Anne on 020 8892 0045



GASS Day 2010 – 11 September

The date has been set for this year's GASS day

which once again will include a Beating The Bounds ceremony for the kids in the morning, followed by our famous and ever-popular Street Sale. As usual, everyone is invited to set up their stall and sell their produce, bric-a-brac and unwanted items.

We are also organizing a local photo competition with the best entries being displayed and judged at the Street Sale. So keep your eyes open for that great photo in North St Margarets and snap away. Further details will be provided nearer to the time.

- The new church was announced in 1885 to be built on a plot of land, bought for the princely sum of £520...
- An iron hall came first, followed by the imposing red brick structure we know today in 1898 – built, it's said, mostly by the hands of local residents. Quite some community project!
- Drawings of the original plans show an even larger church, with bell-tower and transepts that were never built.
- Over the years, the church has had its own school, has hosted countless wedding, Christenings and funerals and been the spiritual home to thousands of local people.
- These days, the two Sunday services see more than 200 people most weeks...
- ...of whom nearly half are children...
- ...and amongst whom are very many who are trying out church for the very first time – or for the first time in many years.
- We run a website where you can see photos from events (including the Big Lunch we enjoyed co-hosting with the NSMRA), listen to podcasted sermons and even read weekly tips for more sustainable lifestyles!

me know on richardfrank@allsoulschurch.org.uk

Richard Frank (Rev) – Vicar of All Souls and local resident too!

Rosina Caudell

We were saddened to hear of the the death recently of Rosina Caudell who lived at 151 Haliburton Road. At 101 she was our oldest inhabitant and had lived in the street since the 1930's. She had some fascinating memories of the area in the early century.

Have your say

NSMRA committee meetings are open to all. Pop in and join us, even if only for half an hour so you can help us to make your community a safer and more enjoyable place.

We meet at 7.30pm at 72 Northcote Road on

- 17th May,
- 22nd June,
- 19th July,
- 20th September,
- 19th October,
- 15th November.

Come along and join us.

Did You Know?

A smorgasbord of (semi-) random facts about All Souls, the parish church:



Any more stories, facts or reminiscences about All Souls? Let