

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



AGM & Neighbourhood Watch meeting 30th Nov 7.30pm in All Souls Church small hall

Come and take a part in your Residents' Association. We are keen to encourage additional participants in planning our activities.

We have invited your local councilors and this is a chance to quiz them and find out what's going on. It's an opportunity to raise local issues & make your voice heard. This will be combined with a Neighbourhood Watch meeting at which we hope to launch the extended (beyond Haliburton Road) scheme.

And there'll be a glass of wine!



Neighbourhood Watch

NSMRA has volunteered to act as the liaison point for an extended Neighbourhood Watch scheme covering Heron, Talbot, Newry, Northcote and St Margarets Road - Haliburton Road already has a NW scheme running. When established, we will handle the "dull" part of this, leaving residents to simply keep their eyes open for potential issues and report them. Street signs will be erected announcing that this is a NW area and signs and police contact details will be distributed to households.

NW is all about keeping your eyes open and reporting any suspicious behaviour to the local police promptly. Come along to the AGM, meet the local police and hear more. Contact Nick or Laurence for more info (8580 3960 or 8744 3188).

All Souls' Roll of Honour and Remembrance Day

At this time of year we remember those who were killed in this terrible conflict, and conflicts since, in the hope that their lost lives and the suffering of their families might not have been in vain, and that we might learn from the mistakes of the past in our conduct of the future.

To that end we propose to repeat what we have done in previous years, namely a simple laying of a wreath at the Memorial on 11 November, at 11am, and would welcome the attendance of anyone who wishes to join in a short and silent contemplation at this time.

Mummers' Play - Saturday 12th December from 4pm in All Souls' hall

Following our 'sold out', 'queuing at the door' performance of the Mummers Play last year we have been asked to do it all again on Saturday December 12th at 4.00pm. (There is also the possibility of performing the play at York House in Twickenham for old people from all over the Borough. The date is yet to be fixed.)

I invite all current members of the cast and anyone else who fancies performing some traditional Yuletide medieval drama to contact me as soon as possible to discuss possible parts and rehearsals (not very many and all very short!). My home number is 020 8892 5211

As well as heroic St. George, there's Old Bob, his evil sons and daughters, good St. Margaret, the shifty Doctor, an

assortment of nosey children and plus a score of cheeky urchins. There are lots of old carols to be sung as well, all backed by a medieval trio.

Experience and age are completely immaterial. As long as we don't have to change nappies pre-schoolers through to OAP's are more than welcome! Mummers' plays are a reminder of how we used to celebrate Christmas in the days before TV, holiday breaks in the sun, iPods and the internet. Why not come and wassail along with us?

"Love replaces hatred, hope replaces fear,
All our sins forgiven with the changing year.
From out the western window there is darkness,
there is night.
But lo! Towards the eastwards. See, the sky is bright!"

Tots to Teens dance party - Saturday 12th December from 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Now's the time for your teeny bopper to get out on the dance floor and show some moves! On Saturday 12th December there will be a 'Tots to Tens' Dance Party in All Souls Church Hall, specially created for the pre-teen groover. With dance expert Livia manning the decks this is chance to learn some new moves, meet some new friends and have some real fun.

The Party is in the Church Hall between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. Tickets are £5 which includes refreshments.

Knotweed - important advice for those with houses backing onto the river

Knotweed is a growing and serious problem which needs to be treated at the appropriate time (probably too late this year but late summer next year good). We

are looking at ways of promoting a greater awareness of this so we can clean up the river Crane and welcome your vigilance on the matter. There is a helpful downloadable leaflet which may be found at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/PDF/JKGuidance.pdf> If your garden front the river bank then please take a look at this and check your garden for Knotweed. It is fast spreading and dangerous - large sections of docks are beginning to split away where Knotweed has forced fissures along their entire length.

Report from Police Liaison Group and Area Consultation Meeting

Lights on the A316 roundabout: TfL plans to make improvements to this crossing though no funding is available at present.

Footbridge over A316: This will be removed and replaced in the new year

Yellow Lines on corners: following the consultation a new recommendation is being issued to reduce the length of the lines in places. A new residents' consultation will be issued shortly and providing the response is positive the lines will be painted in January/February 2010.

Concerts at Twickenham: Having agreed to not hold any this year, they will resume next year subject to event permissions. There will be up to five concerts.

Crime statistics: Crime is generally down in the area with only burglary incidents reporting an increase (7 more than last year). The local police priorities for the next period are:

- Burglary- via Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Theft from motor vehicles
- The police are also looking into combating theft of bikes and cycles