



## Staffing update

The Finchley Charities warmly welcomes three new members of staff.



### Derya Kamo

Is the new Sheltered Housing Officer at Wilmot Close. Derya has 8 years' experience in the social housing sector. 'I am looking forward to working with you in a positive way'.

### Slavomir Danko

Is the new Sheltered Housing Officer at Homefield Gardens. Slavomir has a wealth of experience in providing support and advice across the social housing sector.



### Nora Pesheva

Is the new Central Services Administrator (part-time) working in the Wilmot Close office. Nora has over 10 years' administrative experience, the majority with charities. She also has experience managing Health and Safety.

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## Diary Dates

### Wilmot & Thackrah

#### Monday

Coffee Morning every Monday @ 10.30am

#### Tuesday (First Tuesday of the month)

Bingo @ 2.00pm

#### Wednesday

Computer Club @ 2.00pm

#### Thursday

Bridge Club @ 1.00pm

#### 19th October,

Roast Chicken lunch 12.30pm.  
Please put your names on the notice board

#### 23rd October

Mobile Library in the main car park, then every 4 weeks.  
@ 12.00pm

#### 18th December

Christmas Lunch @ 1.00pm

### Pewterers Court

#### Every Thursday @ 10.30am

Coffee Morning

#### 2nd, 9th & 23rd Oct, 20th Nov, 4th Dec

Bacon Roll Breakfast. Cost £1.50

#### 19th October

Fish & Chips

#### 25th Oct & 29th Nov 12.30pm

Roast Beef Lunch with all the trimmings. Cost £5.00 – £5.50

#### 6th December

Christmas Party

#### 13th December

Christmas Dinner

### Homefield Gardens

#### Every Monday

Coffee morning

#### 5th October

Jacket potato meal

#### 16th October

Pie and mash

#### 23rd October

Breakfast club

#### 6th November

Men's breakfast club

#### 21st December

Christmas dinner

#### 4th January

New Year buffet

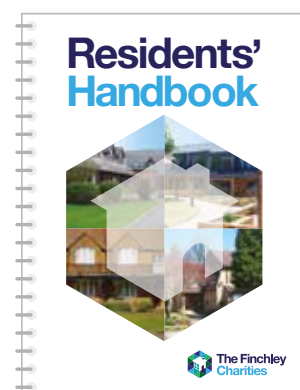
## A building by any other name...?



What we have been calling the 'new build' over recent years will now be known internally as Octavia Garden – as the more observant amongst you will have seen from the new signage across Wilmot and Thackrah Close.

We had applied to Barnet Council to name the building Octavia House but permission was not granted – probably because there are numerous Octavia Houses across London. So, the building address is part of Thackrah Close and a big welcome to all our new residents!

## New Website and Residents' Handbook



The Finchley Charities' new website went live at the beginning of September and the design is meant to be 'informative, clean and simple'. There is a section for residents to access and to do this you will need to enter the password 'finchley'. Here you will find the new Residents' Handbook, a printed copy of which will be sent out to all residents in the next few weeks.

See: [www.thefinchleycharities.org](http://www.thefinchleycharities.org)

# Update from Property Services Manager

## Subir Soornack

### Tendering & Contracts

To improve services and make them more efficient, we are part way through a tendering process for contracts covering three broad areas ie. Compliance, Repairs & Planned Works and Grounds Maintenance.

I am pleased to confirm that we have awarded the first of these contracts to Purdy who will undertake compliance work for the next 3 years which involves:

- Annual boiler servicing and gas checks
- 24-month Portable Electrical Appliance Tests
- Annual water hygiene tests
- Servicing and maintaining passenger lifts and stair lifts
- Annual fire extinguisher checks
- Emergency lights testing
- Commissioning of fire alarms and testing
- 24-hour emergency call

Purdy are an award-winning London based contractor established in 1984 and the contract commenced on October 1st 2018.

The other two contracts will be put out to tender during the next month.

## Seasonal Quiz

(answers on page 4)

- Q1 Where does the word 'pumpkin' originate from?
- Q2 When does Thanksgiving Day take place in America?
- Q3 Who released the album Harvest in 1972?
- Q4 'All Hallows' Eve' is better known as what?
- Q5 Which animal is said to hibernate the longest?
- Q6 Although not on Guy Fawkes night, where and when did the world's biggest bonfire take place?



## Local Events

### Sat 6th October 12pm-4pm

Celebrating 80 years of East Finchley Library, East Finchley Library & Martin School Field N2 9BB

### Wednesday 10th – Sunday 14th October 7:30pm – 9:30pm

'Muswell Hill', play by Torben Betts, Upstairs at the Gatehouse N6 4BD

### Friday 2nd at 5pm & Saturday 3rd November 4pm

Alexandra Palace Fireworks Festival  
Alexandra Palace N22 7AY

### Saturday 3rd November 2018

Barnet, Harrow and Greater London Diwali Celebration, Bryon Park HA3 7QX

### Wednesday 21st November – Saturday 5th January, 7pm – 9pm

A Christmas Carol, Chickenshed N14 4PE

## Polite Reminders

**Drains** — Please be aware of what you pour down the sink — we have had a few problems with blockages recently. Any oils or food waste should be bagged and binned — it is a good idea to pour boiling water down the sink to keep the drains clear.

**Keys** – We take security very seriously and all of our door keys are obtained from our own locksmith via a purchase order from the Property Services Team.

With this in mind, we would like to advise residents that obtaining replacement door keys can be expensive and we have no option but to pass on these costs to the resident, in the event that keys are lost.

Lost door entry fobs, should you have one, cost £57.00 to replace.

Please ensure that your keys are kept safe at all times and that you report any loss of keys or damage to locks to your Sheltered Housing Officers as soon as possible.

## In this edition, we would like to flag up forthcoming events organised by Barnet Seniors' Association.

### Good Neighbour Scheme for Mill Hill and Burnt Oak

**Venue:** Trinity Church on Mill Hill Broadway, London, NW7 3T. The Broadway is accessible by several buses including 251, 113, 186, 221, 240.

**Date/Day:** Wednesday's Time: Start Time 2.15pm Cost: FREE but a box for donations is available

List of films being shown over the next few months:

**24th October**

THE ODD COUPLE

**28th November**

OKLAHOMA

**23rd January 2019**

FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL

**27th February 2019**

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

### Memory Lane Singing Club - 25th Anniversary Showtime

**Venue:** St Mary's Parish Hall, Hendon Lane, Finchley Central N3 1TR

**Date/Day:** Friday 19 October Time: 11 am till 12.30 pm Cost: Admission Free

**Participating in Silver Sunday:** This year Memory Lane Singing Club celebrates 25 years of singing in the community.

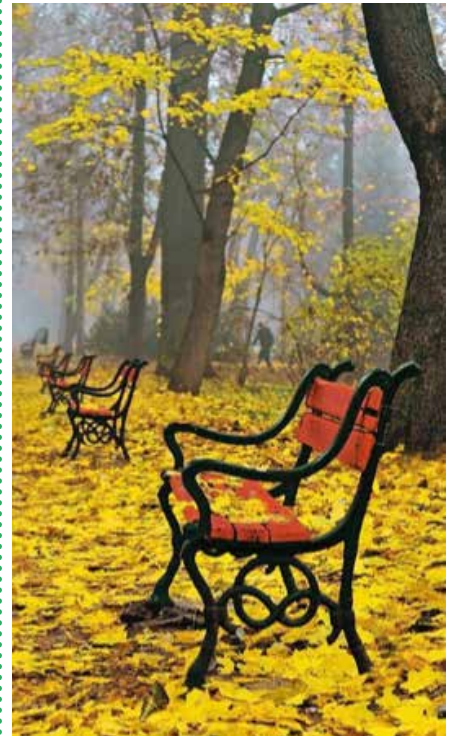
Please join us for this very special occasion and enjoy a selection of popular songs. Tea and biscuits will be served

Our hall is very spacious and has disabled access - We can accommodate wheelchair users.

**Contact:** Please RSVP to Valerie on 020 8458 4508

**Email:** v.cowan@hotmail.co.uk

## Autumn Poem



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BY JOHN CLARE (1793-1864)

*The thistledown's flying, though the winds are all still,  
On the green grass now lying,  
now mounting the hill,  
The spring from the fountain now boils like a pot;  
Through stones past the counting it bubbles red-hot.*

*The ground parched and cracked is like overbaked bread,  
The greensward all wracked is, bents dried up and dead.  
The fallow fields glitter like water indeed,  
And gossamers twitter, flung from weed unto weed.*

*Hill-tops like hot iron glitter bright in the sun,  
And the rivers we're eying burn to gold as they run;  
Burning hot is the ground, liquid gold is the air;  
Whoever looks round sees Eternity there.*

1) From the ancient Greek word "pepon", meaning large melon.  
2) On the fourth Thursday of November. 3) Neil Young. 4) Halloween.  
5) The bat. 6) Alesund in Norway, June 2016 - at a height of 155.5 feet.

## Quiz Answers