Residents’ Events

On 17th April an Easter Lunch was organised at Homefield Gardens by Eileen, Pam and Pat and enjoyed by all who attended. A big thankyou to each of them, especially for the wonderful seasonal table decorations. Please check the notice board for other events during the late spring and summer including the walking and gardening clubs. Just a reminder that all residents are welcome to attend events at all sites.

Seasonal table decorations thanks to Eileen, Pam and Pat
Diary Dates

Homefield Gardens
Every Monday @ 11.00 am
Coffee Morning
Every Tuesday @ 12.00pm
Zumba
Every Wednesday @ 2.00pm
Walking Club
Every Wednesday @ 3.30pm
Coffee Afternoon
Every Thursday @ 12.30 pm
Tai chi
Every Friday @ 2.00pm
Gardening Club
11th June & 9th July @ 10.00 am
Breakfast club
Fortnightly Wednesday @ 5pm
Getting together
Fortnightly Tuesday @ 12.00pm
Phoenix cinema club
1st Sunday of month @ 2.00 pm
Chess
14th May, 18th June and 16th July
@ 10.00 am
Men's Breakfast Club
28th May, 25th June, 23rd July @ 2 pm
Monthly lunch

Pewterers Court
Every Thursday @ 10.30 am
Coffee Morning
Tuesday: 4th & 18th June, 2nd 16th
& 23rd July
Bacon Roll Breakfast
31st May & 26th July
Fish & Chips
25th June & 30th July
Roast Beef Dinner

Wilmot & Thackrah
Every Monday at 10.30am
Coffee Morning
Every Tuesday @ 10.30am
Zumba Gold (exercise), £3.00 per
session
First Tuesday of each month
Bingo @ 2.00 pm
Every Wednesday @ 2.00 pm
Computer Club

Staffing and Contractor Update

We say a fond farewell to Nora Pesheva, Central Services Administrator, and Subir Soornack, Property Services Manager, and wish them both well for the future.

We would like to formally welcome Rafal Labe, pictured left, a now familiar and friendly face across the estates. Rafal is responsible for day-to-day repairs and cleaning across all three sites and we have had very positive feedback about his work, both from the satisfaction forms and directly from residents.

Commencing in June, contractors Idverde will be undertaking gardening works for The Finchley Charities. Some of you will have already met their team members at Pewterers Court and they will be introduced to other sites in due course.

Weekly Maintenance Contribution (WMC) Changes

With the new rates commencing in April, all residents have had the opportunity to discuss any financial concerns with sheltered housing officers (SHOs). Please remember that SHOs remain available to discuss these and other matters in confidence.
Reminders

Fire Safety
Following a visit by the local Fire Officer earlier this year we have been advised to ensure that all paths and exit routes remain clear.

Therefore, please make sure escape routes are kept free of chairs, pots and any obstacles that may compromise yours and others’ safety. Cluttering your fire escape route is a breach of your licence agreement and if staff find items placed in the escape routes, they may remove such items without notice.

To dispose or not to dispose...
All residents are reminded that they are responsible for the disposal of their own bulk items. There have been recent incidents of unwanted items being left across the grounds or in the community halls – please contact the London Borough of Barnet if you need to arrange a special collection. This can be done via their website and sheltered housing officers will be able to assist you with this on the communal computers.

East Finchley Community Festival:
Sunday 23rd June 2019, 12:00 – 6:00pm

East Finchley Community Festival has been taking place in Cherry Tree Wood every summer for nearly 40 years. Run by the community, for the community.

Entry is free and highlights include:
- Two live music and performance stages
- Food stalls and beer tent
- Over 80 local craft, trade and community stalls
- Owl display

The Finchley Charities will also have a promotional stall – come and say hello!

Diary Dates cont...

Wilmot & Thackrah cont...
Every Thursday @ 2.00pm
Bridge Club
5th June & 5th July 12.30pm
Monthly Lunch
17th June & 15th July 10.00am
Bacon Rolls

Polite Reminders

Rubbish: Please only put items that actually fit into the bin, into the bin... and please don’t leave rubbish by recycling bins. For larger items you must arrange a collection with the council.
Careline: Please remember that if Careline is activated by accident (by smoke or through other actions), please speak to the operative to ensure the emergency services are not called out for a false alarm.
Drains: Blocked drains across our sites are an ongoing problem and it is increasingly apparent that objects are being disposed of down toilets which are not suitable.
On several occasions, drains have needed to be professionally cleared as they were blocked with a combination of sanitary products, baby wipes, paper towels and food, all of which should be disposed as household waste and not flushed down toilets.
Due to the costs involved in rectifying this problem we may have to pass on these charges to the resident involved in causing the blockage. Please be considerate!
It’s not original, we know, but this poem by Wordsworth is always worth a read at this time of year. Referred to by some as the most famous poem in the English language, ‘I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud’, was composed in 1804, two years after Wordsworth saw the daffodils while walking along the shore of Ullswater on a stormy day with his sister, Dorothy.

His inspiration for the poem came from an account written by Dorothy in her journal entry for 15th April 1802; Dorothy describes how the daffodils ‘tossed and reeled and danced, and seemed as if they verily laughed with the wind, that blew upon them over the lake’.

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

by William Wordsworth 1770 – 1850

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o’er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Community Events

3 June, 10 June, 17 June,
24 June 2019, 10:30am
Burnt Oak Library Over 55s coffee with Age UK (Mondays)

Coffee morning for over 55s with Age UK. Contact Age UK on 020 8432 1420 for more information. This activity is run in self-service opening hours. You will need to get a library card and register for self-service opening in order to access the library and the session.

29 May, 5 June, 12 June,
19 June, 26 June, 2pm
Edgware library over 55s coffee afternoon with Age UK (Thursdays)

Contact Age UK on 020 8432 1420 for more information.