



PRIMROSE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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AGM 2018

The PHCA AGM will take place on Thursday 4th October 2017 at the Community Centre. Any donations of finger food would be very welcome. We will start with drinks and nibbles at 7pm followed at 7.30pm by the usual AGM formalities; Chairman's presentation of the Annual Report, Treasurer's Report, Election of Management Committee, motions/questions from the floor and an account of coming events. This will take approximately one hour, and will be followed at 8.30pm by our surprise speaker. Names of nominees for the PHCA Management Committee 2017/18 are:

Maureen Betts (Chair), Valerie St Johnston (Vice Chair), Dorothy Toh (Treasurer), Colin St Johnston, Pat Callaghan, Marcela Cuneo, Alice Gray, Susan Hadley, Doro Marden, Gabriella Patel, Jason Pittock, Petar Savic. Co-opt: Marijke Good, Lazzaro Pietragnoli. The Library accounts will also be available for viewing and a short presentation by the Library Chair. Please do come along and have a glass of wine with your fellow members and neighbours - we look forward to seeing you there.

Keeping the Heart in the Community

From September 1st, 2018, the PHCA Trustees are launching a campaign to raise £250,000 to purchase this long lease and are calling upon all residents who value a space for community activities to contribute.

The Centre is a space for meetings and classes, for child care and development, for social events for young and old, for music-making, for parties, birthdays and wakes, office space to manage the halls, and to manage PHCA initiatives elsewhere such as the Lunch Club, the Summer Fair, the Library, and the *On The Hill* magazine; space for voting, space for campaigning, and space for information-giving and help to all callers.

The Centre is the platform for doing together as a community what we cannot do alone. In an average day, hundreds of Primrose Hill feet, from the youngest to the oldest, pass through its doors.

On the Hill magazine this month contains a leaflet detailing how you can help, or go to www.phca.cc

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Open House - Sept

Weds 5th Sept - Art and Architecture in Venice
Dr David Morgan discovers how the artistic and architectural schools of Venice rival both Rome and Florence in this illustrated talk.

Weds 12th Sept - The Man Who Never Was
Lester Hillman explores fascinating, local events from seventy-five years ago that involved misleading the Nazis to avert an impending invasion of Southern Europe.



Weds 19th Sept - London Independent Living Service

London Independent Living Service is a new 'meals on wheels' charity launched to help tackle food poverty and malnutrition in Camden. Sample their meals and hear about what they do.

Weds 26th Sept - The Secret Scripture
A psychologist's interest in the diary of a woman residing in a psychiatric hospital triggers flashbacks of youthful romance, obsession and turmoil. All activities start at 2pm and are free of charge.



Getaway Gala Auction

On Tuesday 25 September at 7.30pm the exciting Getaway Gala will be taking place at Primrose Hill Community Centre.



Bid to stay in unique holiday houses, from the Hebrides to the Isle of Wight, Austria, France and Italy. There will be special London experiences, behind the scenes, tours, art, cooking and more. Plus a great Getaway themed raffle. A fun evening in aid of our local Community Centre. Tickets £45 to include a glass of fizz, supper with wine and cabaret with Annabel Leventon. To buy tickets and see more information go to phca.cc/getaway-gala or follow #GetawayGala

Come, Comfort of the World

Come and enjoy an evening of song with soprano Kate Royal and Joseph Middleton to include Schumann's 'Frauenliebe und Leben'

'The polish of a trained voice with the passion of a folk singer' NY Times
St Mary's Church, Tuesday 23rd October, doors open 7.15pm, £12, £10 concessions, bar. See PHCA website to find out how to buy tickets - phca.cc



Obituaries

Claire Daghish - Claire died on Wednesday 20th June 2018, she had been in general ill-health for a while but succumbed to lung cancer, from which she never recovered. Claire was one of the founder members of the Primrose Hill Community Association, and took



on many roles, including Chair, Secretary and Trustee. It was however running the Bar at the Community Centre that most people will know and remember her for. She did this for over 30 years on a volunteer basis, and she was still at it in her eighties, ably assisted by her long-time

partner Jack Eden. She also volunteered for VIC (Visually Impaired in Camden).

In the earlier part of her life, Claire lived in the Railway Cottages that were to become Manley Street. She then lived in Auden Place where she raised her family. She leaves behind her partner Jack, her son Stuart, daughter-in-law Judith, daughter Alison and two grandchildren. She had a lovely sense of humour, was a pleasure to be around and will be sorely missed.

Keith Bird - 15th August 1933 - 12th July 2018.

Keith was another founder member of the Primrose Hill Community Association, and was a real force in organising and running the Summer Fairs, Sports Days and the notorious Fireworks. He was also a powerhouse in getting better treatment for rough sleepers and homeless people, and was instrumental in the refurbishment of Arlington House. He was a staunch Labour Party member who held strong views on social justice, and his actions reflected this. Keith will truly be remembered as a man of the community.



Seniors Yoga

A reminder that this starts up again on Thursday 13th September, and runs from 7pm to 8pm. It is a free class and all seniors welcome.

Library News

Tuesday 06 September

Author Talk - Local author William Miller recalls his neighbourhood childhood.

William remembers growing up in Gloucester Crescent with his father, Jonathan Miller, in the 60s, 70s and 80s: his family, the street and their neighbours.

Sharpleshall Street, London NW1 8YN. 7pm

Tel. 0207 419 6599 phcl.org £2 at the door

Tuesday 4th September

Film Show

The Wedding Banquet - is a 1993 romantic comedy film about a gay Taiwanese immigrant man who



marries a mainland Chinese woman to placate his parents and get her a green card.

His plan backfires when his parents arrive in the United States to plan his wedding banquet and he has to hide the truth of his partner.

The film was directed by Ang Lee and stars Winston Chao, May Chin, Gua Ah-leh, Sihung Lung, and Mitchell Lichtenstein.

Doors open 7.15pm. Introduction 7.45pm. Film

8pm. £8 inc glass of wine, on sale at the library.

Local Lives

Richard Creasey, adventurer, film maker, writer and resident of Regent's Park Road will be in conversation with Dick Bird to discuss his incredible story and

play the music he would take to his desert island. Richard had driven twice around the world before he was twenty, his father wrote over 600 books, he was 'documentaries boss' at Central TV for 14 years, he is an enthusiastic private pilot.....the list goes on!



Come and hear the full story on Tuesday 16th October, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Primrose Hill Community Centre. £4 to include a glass of wine.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club at Jacqueline House, Oldfield Estate,



Fitzroy Road, starts up again in September and runs every Monday and Wednesday with lunches served promptly at 12.30pm. It costs £5 for two courses and all food is freshly

cooked. If you are interested in helping out as a volunteer we would love to meet you. It is a very friendly group. If interested please ring Mick at the PHCA office on 020 7586 8327