



PRIMROSE HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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NEWSLETTER NOV/DEC '18

Lease Appeal

The Community Association's campaign to raise £250,000 to buy a long lease on the Community Centre and so secure its future is well under way. The total raised to date is £170,000 which is fantastic and the generosity of the local community has again staggered us, but we now need a final push to reach our target figure of £250,000.



Please consider if you can help to keep the heart in our community. Details on www.phca.cc or any queries send to:

leaseappeal@phca.cc. If you wish to speak to someone about the appeal please phone the PHCA office on 020 7586 8327.

Getaway Gala

The Getaway Gala on 25th September was an unprecedented success. We were hoping to raise £10,000 to go towards the lease appeal, but this figure soared to £24,000. Thanks to everyone that donated holiday homes and unusual experiences, to Matthew Wright for being such a good sport, to Annabel Leventon for the cabaret, to L'Absinthe, Greenberry and Primrose Bakery, to Mary-Ann Smillie and her team for doing wonders in the small kitchen, Helen Tindale for the cakes and Pippa Johnson-Kapp for the photography.



Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped, and huge thanks go to the main organisers, Judy Rich, Doro Marden and Gabby De La Concha who worked tirelessly to produce a seamless event.

Open House - November

Weds 7th Nov - Print-Making

Come along to a print-making taster with Kate Guy of Cardabelle Design.

Weds 14th Nov - St Pancras Garden

Explore St Pancras Garden and The Man Who Never Was with Lester Hillman. Transport available to Pancras Road, NW1 1UH.

Weds 21st Nov - Exploring Family History at Camden Archives

This illustrated talk by Tudor Allen, Camden Archivist, highlights some of the most useful records for family history in Camden's own collections.

Weds 28th Nov - Atonement

Atonement- Screening of the film of Ian McEwan's novel starring Keira Knightley and James McAvoy.

Weds 5th Dec - TBA

Weds 12th Dec - TBA

Weds 19th Dec - Traditional pantomime - Beauty and the Beast at the Shaw Theatre, followed by a Christmas tea at the Centre afterwards. Panto tickets £15 for the 1.30pm matinee, limited seats available. Christmas tea is free and open to everyone from 4pm, please come along.

All activities start at 2pm and are free of charge.

Primrose Hill Village Disco

The Village Disco will be taking place at the Community Centre on Friday 30th November at 7pm. There will be disco sounds from 1960 to 1999. Come party with us. All your favourite ingredients; cocktails, bar, hotdogs, raffle, dancing and the music you love from DJs Savic and Pittock plus friends. For information and tickets www.phca.cc/disco



Keep Fit for Over 60s – New Tutor

Following the departure of Hannah, our much loved tutor for this class, the Mary Ward Centre have now provided us with another tutor, Eveltos, who we hope will become just as popular. The class runs every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm and is open to all abilities. The class is free of charge, just turn up.

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PHCA AGM 2018

The PHCA AGM took place on 4th October with Chair Maureen Betts running through the formalities.



Two of our trustees stood down, Marcela Cuneo, who is doing a course so has limited time, and our long standing trustee, Colin St Johnston, who was Treasurer for around 15 years. We hope he will still be available to us for advice and support outside of the committee structure. The Community Centre and Library Treasurers, Dorothy Toh and Lucy Cottrell, discussed the accounts, while the Centre Chair, Maureen Betts, and Library Chair, Marijke Good, informed the gathering what has been happening at the two venues and what is to come.

Tim Kirkpatrick, who is Chairing the Community Centre Events Committee was introduced. Following all the formalities we were lucky enough to have our local gem, Alan Bennett, reading passages from his diaries. He gave us 45 minutes of gripping entertainment, as testament to his insights, truthfulness and honesty. As further evidence, he declined Maureen's gift of champagne, but was happy to take a bottle of red wine!



Opera Recital

Many thanks to Kate Royal and Joseph Middleton, who sang and played beautifully at the recent opera recital at St Mary's Church to help raise funds for St Mary's cold weather shelter and the PHCA lease appeal. Thanks to John and Nada Nutt for organising the event.



Craft Fair

Craft Fair at the library will be held on 25th November, 11am to 5pm. There will be crafts, teas and coffees, mulled wine, cakes and books for sale. Free entry.

Books - The library are still accepting book donations for their book sale. Many thanks to those who have donated thus far. **Cakes** If anybody would like to donate a cake - either home made or shop bought - to the cake stall for the 25th November, could they please bring it/them in to the library from Friday 23rd November (unless it's something that will keep for a few days)? Also there are still craft stalls available - to book ring the library on 020 7419 6599



Library News

Tuesday 6th November

The Manchurian Candidate - starring Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Janet Leigh. Directed by John Frankenheimer.

USA 1962
121 minutes

With a tub-thumping Right-Wing presidential candidate, a frighteningly ambitious politician's wife and suggestions of electoral manipulation by sinister outside forces, John Frankenheimer's classic American thriller has lost none of its potency since it was released at the time of the Cuban missile crisis.



Doors open 7.15pm, Introduction 7.45pm, Film 8.00pm £8.00, in cash, including a glass of wine. Tickets, up to two per person, on sale at the Library, Sharpleshall Street, NW1 8YN (on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays) or on the door.

Local Lives



Many thanks to Richard Creasey for sharing with us the music and highlights of his past, and his ideas for the future in our Local Lives series. It was a highly entertaining evening, with thanks also going to Dick Bird for his impeccable interviewing.

Lunch Club Volunteers Needed

Every Monday and Wednesday we are looking for people to help at the Lunch Club at Oldfield. It would be helping serve lunches, taking money and washing up afterwards, it takes just over an hour and it would help the Lunch Club continue to provide hot lunches for older people. Give Mick or Julie a call on 020 7586 8327 if you would like to find out more.

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PHCA Office Closure

The PHCA office will be closed from 24th December, and will be re-opening on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Carols in the Square

On Tuesday 18th December, there will be carols in Chalcot Square. Mulled wine and refreshments, do come along, it is always a very special event in the Primrose Hill calendar.

Also a reminder that the Friends of Chalcot Square shall be having their AGM at the library on Tuesday 13th November at 7.30pm, all welcome.