



# Highams Residents' Association

Founded in 1955 for the residents of The Highams Estate

NEWSLETTER - May 2009 No.1

## A NEW Team... Building on the Success of the Past

Welcome to your Highams Residents Association newsletter. I would like to begin by informing you of several changes in the formation of your committee and by thanking John Griggs, in particular, for his great work on your behalf over the last 10 years. John has decided it is time to stand aside and I would like to thank him publicly on behalf of us all for his time, commitment and attention to detail that has made the Association such an important part of the area. I hope he enjoys his new found time with his wife Mavis and I know I can knock on his door for advice and guidance.

The recent AGM was attended by nearly 100 people, many prompted by the letter from John about the lack of interest in the Association but also the Waltham Forest traffic calming proposal. It was great to see so much support and you have my personal commitment to ensuring the Association gets stronger and builds on the success of the past. The traffic calming is now out for further consultation, please make your views known.

**Your new Committee has met informally since the AGM and has agreed 5 key objectives for 2009;**

- NEW** 1. **Improve the frequency and quality of communication**
- NEW** 2. **A leading role in the traffic calming proposals to get the best balance for the Estate overall**
- NEW** 3. **Launch a website with links to news updates about the Borough**
- NEW** 4. **Involve younger families eg: a picnic in the park, Christmas party**
- NEW** 5. **Work closely or merge with Neighbourhood Watch.**

**We will keep you informed at regular intervals but this is your association so please ask any of the Committee at any stage what is happening (all contact details are overleaf). Even better is to get involved yourself! We had a terrific response at the AGM and will be knocking on a few doors.**

**See you at the Tea on 28th June (details overleaf)**

Peter Larkin - peterlarkinigel@aol.com



### CHAIRMAN Profile:

NAME: Peter Larkin AGE: 47  
MARITAL STATUS: Married to Carolyn, we have just celebrated 25 years of marriage.  
CHILDREN: 3; Sean, Thomas and Niamh.  
PETS: Dog, called Dudley



ADDRESS: 20 Henry's Avenue, Woodford Green

PERSONAL BLOG: I have lived in Woodford for 17 years. I was born in Leytonstone, went to Trinity School and I am one of seven children. I support Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. I am an Usher at St. Thomas of Canterbury RC Church. Chairman of Lee Valley Ice Hockey Club and I work in Retail.

WHY DID I JOIN THE HRA?: I felt too much great work had been done and I was not prepared to let it end.

## News in Brief - 54th AGM, 23rd April 2009 - 'Impressive Turnout'

The subject of the proposed Road Traffic Management Changes was raised and the Committee was asked if there had been any progress. The overall feeling of the Estate was that it was overkill. Mr Griggs reported that he had written a personal letter to Councillor Bob Belam, who has overall responsibility for Traffic & Highways Management at Waltham Forest Council. Councillor Bob Belam had replied stating that his office was aware that the estate is an area of special interest and that proposals would be progressed sympathetically. The residents of The Charter Road and Henry's Avenue had not universally approved the proposals. New options were in the process of being drawn up and will be circulated in due course.



Mr David Jennings said he was very impressed by the turnout at this year's AGM and that it had been a fantastic vote of confidence in the future of the HRA. He was uplifted by the mood of the meeting and urged everyone to harness the energy and enthusiasm that had been generated during the evening and carry it forward.

Please become a HRA member - only £1.00 for a year - You can either give your £1 to the collector in your area when they come round or if you miss them drop it into Henry, 13 Henry's Avenue OR give it to Henry at the Tea Party.

## Introducing Your NEW Committee...

POSITION	NAME	ADDRESS	TEL NO	E-MAIL
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<b>HRA TRUSTEES (OF THE RANSOM STRIP)</b>				
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Trustee	Jill Carter	30 The Charter Road	8505 6237	
Trustee	Peter Merrick	27 Nesta Road	8498 0078	peter.merrick@orange.net

As a resident of the Highams Estate you are invited to...

# HRA's Tea Party 2009

**FREE**

Sunday 28th June 2009 from 4pm to 6pm  
at The Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion



We hope you will be able to join us for tea, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches and cakes. We do like to have an estimate of the numbers in advance, so please complete and return this slip to Angela Thompson, 19 Montalt Road or alternatively e-mail: Angela.Thompson@walthamforest.gov.uk (If you are able to bring food for the party – all contributions gratefully received! – please let Angela know what you'll be bringing). This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and share your views with the Chairman or other committee members who will be there.

Car entrance in High Road, Woodford Green. Pedestrian access through gate in corner of Nesta Road. ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING CHILDREN WHO ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENTS - we will have balloons and a face painter!

I/We would be delighted to accept the invitation for the  
HRA Tea Party on Sunday 28th June 2009

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