



Chairman's Report for the 62nd AGM on the 20th April 2017

Firstly, let me say how lucky I am to be involved with HRA, and I get to work with all the wonderful volunteers we have on our committee. It is immensely satisfying.

AGM Guest Speaker.

I am delighted to announce that we have been lucky enough to secure as our guest speaker Mr. Sandeep Christian, chairman of The Highams Park Society, who will give a talk on the history of our estate. The estate does have a fascinating history and we are listed as an Area of Special Character on LBWF website. (Search for Conservation Areas and scroll down.) I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion on Thursday 20th April 2017 at 8pm.

Annual Tea Party.

We are planning a New Look Tea Party this year which will be more dynamic and exciting. With fun activities for old and young alike. (Await further announcements.) It will take place in Woodford Rugby Club on Sunday 9th July this year. Please come along, have fun and meet other people from the estate.

Neighbourhood Watch.

I am delighted to announce that due to the hard work of one of our committee members we are setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme for the estate. Our first meeting took place together with our local police Safer Neighbourhoods Team on 29th March 2017. We are still looking for volunteers from Marion Grove, Crealock Grove and parts of Montalt Road. Please come forward if you can, it is not an onerous task and helps reduce crime in the area quite substantially. The police are keen to set up a register of all residents who have CCTV so they can access footage and help reduce crime even further.

Planning Applications.

I should like to say a big thank you to all those residents who wrote or emailed LBWF objecting to the planning application to convert 2 The Charter Road into a block of flats. The application was subsequently withdrawn. However, past experience has shown us that this issue is unlikely to go away. There will probably be a further application in due course, and we will be contacting you again in the event that new proposals come forward.

Finally, I should like to remind you that we always welcome new committee members. If you would like to be involved, even in a small way, please contact us.

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With my very best wishes to you all.

Dave Jennings
Chairman