

# BAM BULLETIN

## Garden News

### *Marlborough Mansions East Rear Borders Renovation Project*

In February, the gardeners will start this year's main garden project. It is the renovation of the garden section that runs to the rear of MM East and will involve fixing new tanalised pine railway sleeper style sections to the wall, the addition of top soil, and shrub planting.

As ageing and diseased shrubs will be removed, a privet screen will be planted to shield the ground floor flats while the replacement shrub matures. Periwinkle will also be planted to trail over the wall. The project is expected to be completed by summer.

### *Trees and Hedges*

Variegated privet hedges were planted before the holidays in Buckingham Mansions front garden to replace hedges that had been removed due to poor health.

As part of the tree planting programme, eight trees, including an additional two cherry trees for the top of Cannon Hill, have been bought and all have now been planted.

## Book Club for BAM Children

One of our new residents, Madhuri Pai is setting up a book club for children on the BAM Estate. She is keen on encouraging children to read and has experience running similar clubs in the past. Books would be selected in consultation with the other parents, and the children would meet once a month in small groups, in members' flats around the estate. Madhuri will lead the book discussion as well as organise some fun activities based on the

theme of the book being read. The target age range is for 7-11 year old children.

If you are interested in joining, or simply want to hear more about this book club, please contact Madhuri Pai, 72 Marlborough Mansions, on mobile 07889 718 839.

## Diamond Jubilee weekend

To mark 60 years of The Queen's reign, the Diamond Jubilee celebrations will centre around an extended bank holiday weekend from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June inclusive.

The Board is considering a family picnic and/or other idea (film show etc) on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, including the use of our marquee tent. We would like to hear views from any residents or offers of help to set this up. Please contact Ian Cohen via the Estate Office or directly [ian.coh@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ian.coh@blueyonder.co.uk)

## Neighbourhood News

### *Fortune Green & West Hamsptead Neighbourhood Development Forum*

The first meeting took place this past Wednesday evening January 25<sup>th</sup>, and was attended by one of your directors who will report back on the meeting in future bulletins.

For some useful background reading on the meeting, here's the link to Camden Council's neighbourhood planning page (which also contains a link to a brief Q&A on NDPs):

<http://camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/environment/planning-and-built-environment/two/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-planning.en>

## Gas works

We have just been informed that the Gas engineers will be back on site mid to late February to carry out some further works to the new gas supply pipe work installed in connection with the new gas main.

They will be contacting directly those flats to which they require access.

They are unable to give us a date for the switch over to the new gas main, but maintain it is due to be completed before the Olympics.

## Visions Meeting (5 December 2011)

A meeting with two residents and three directors regarding the vision for the future development/enhancement of the Estate took place after informal consultations.

Themes discussed are as below (not in order of importance) and will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. More information will follow once we have it.

1. Quality/finish of works
  - greater emphasis on the need for generally high quality of finish to works undertaken in order to make the estate more attractive.
2. Gardens
  - wish for bigger/more mature trees and possibly additional trees with a possible contribution from residents
  - wish by residents to be consulted on "local" planting
3. Health and Safety on the Estate
  - concerns dangerous corners in the garden where one might fall, tools might be left out etc.
4. Traffic/parking
  - mentioned were speeding on West End Lane and Cannon Hill and possibility of speed checks, zebra crossings, one way on Cannon Hill
5. Improvements to the appearance of the Estate/Refurbishment of rental flats
  - Planting outside the blocks, stone outside entrances (badly used simili-York stone), lighting, colours, carpeting, wall papers in common parts, painting of light and kitchen wells; refurbishment of rental flats.

## Suspended Parking Bays

Camden Council is suspending Parking Bays without giving 2 weeks notice. Check the start date on New Parking Suspension Signs and \*\*\* DO NOT ASSUME that 2 weeks notice of suspension has been given! \*\*\*

If you are going on holiday, and your car is left on the Residents Parking Bays, leave your car keys with member of your family or a friend.

Ensure the person that has your car keys regularly checks that your car is not parked in a bay which has been suspended after your departure.

## Short-Term Lets

The Estate Office would like to alert any resident who might have been thinking about letting out their flat during the Olympic Games this summer that short-term lets of 90 days or less are illegal and will require planning permission from Camden Council.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday **9<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Egg Hunt.

Thursday **14<sup>th</sup> June** this years AGM of BAM Estate Ltd is at 8.00 pm in the Marquee.

Friday **15<sup>th</sup> June** Open meeting about the Gardens.

Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> June** BAM Annual Garden Party. Further details will be circulated closer to the date of each event.

## Christmas Carols

Many thanks to all the residents who attended the Christmas Carol singing in the gardens and made this event a success.

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