

# BAM BULLETIN

## Garden News

### *Trees*

Crown reductions on nine trees have been done. The two diseased trees mentioned in the Christmas BAM bulletin have been removed. James McArthur, our head gardener, is currently researching a mixture of native and non native trees to replace those which have been removed. We would welcome any residents' suggestions which will be taken into account.

### *Environment*

The gardeners have placed log piles, made from the trees which have been felled or crowned, to encourage wild life. Please don't move them. The smaller cuttings and the Christmas trees have been chipped, and are being mulched to be used to nourish the garden in the coming year.

### *Hedges*

The privet hedges in Cannon Hill have been left to grow prior to a tidying up and shaping in the spring. The hedges in Cannon Hill frontages will improve as a result of the tree works in the street.

### *Buckingham Mansions frontages*

Another of the Buckingham Mansions front beds is due to have new soil and plants, including variegated privet, added this spring. This will then leave one other bed that needs further work at a later date.

### *Competition*

The BAM Estate will be holding a competition to judge the most outstanding window boxes and balcony displays. James, our head gardener, will decide which are the best window boxes and prizes will be awarded to the winners in early summer.

## Building Repairs

The rebuilding of the Cannon Hill boundary wall has been completed and the new railings will be fitted in the near future. The privets and replanting of the garden area will follow. Due to the recent freezing weather, damage has been caused to high level stonework on the Estate. Making safe and repair is under way.

## Finchley Road/West End Lane Junction 2013

TFL have agreed to add two pedestrian crossings on Finchley Road. One at the junction of West End Lane and Finchley Road and another at the junction of Arkwright Road, Lymington Road and Finchley Road. Further details will be published in the near future

## Staff News

After many years of dedicated service Jim O'Brien will be retiring on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and we wish him a long and happy retirement. Also Juan Chavez has left our service to return to Bolivia. We therefore have employed two new porters, Andrew Williams and Piotr Domański, who started on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. And we welcome the return of Joaquim Oliveira who has joined the garden team.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday **25<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Egg Hunt.  
Thursday **16th June** this years AGM of BAM Estate Ltd is at 8.00 pm in the Marquee.  
Friday **17th June** Open meeting about the Gardens.  
Sunday **19th June** BAM Annual Garden Party. Further details will be circulated closer to the date of each event.

## Bam Estate Website

A page called "Social Events" has replaced the old BAMPA page on the Bam Estate website.

BAM Bulletins dating back to 1982 are now available on our website. If you have any Bulletins to fill the gaps the Estate Office would like to borrow them to copy for the archive.

## Social Network

Facebook: Group called "BAM Estate". For details contact Joe Proctor - [joeproctor@bluelink.andover.edu](mailto:joeproctor@bluelink.andover.edu)

## Food Waste Recycling

Camden wants to introduce waste food recycling to the Estate which will involve each resident taking their food waste to collection bins located on the Estate. We will be carrying out a consultation with you in the near future. One of the main points for discussion will be the location on the Estate of the collection points for the food waste. It would be helpful that we hear from as many residents' as possible in order to inform the Council on the resident's views.

## Foxes

There has been a recent increase in the fox activity in the garden. Ultra sound sonic devices are being placed in the garden to deter them. Please do not attempt to feed the foxes or leave any food in the garden which can be reached by the foxes.

## Area Forums

The next Fortune Green and West Hampstead Area Forum meeting will be held on: -

**Date:** Monday 7th February 2011.

**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.30pm

(7.00pm - 7.30pm tea/coffee and informal chat with ward councillors)

**Venue:** Hampstead Synagogue Hall,  
1 Dennington Park Rd, NW6 1AX

## Contact List

A number of recent emergencies have reinforced the need to have a comprehensive and up to date contact details list. We will be contacting residents in the near future to collect the following information: mobile phone numbers, home phone numbers, email address, car make and registration details.

## Renovations

The re-painting of the entrance doors on Cannon Hill black will be completed during the major works in the spring and summer.

## 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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## Looking for...

Advertise your **search** or your **availability** here free of charge. Send your advertisements (50 words max) to [communicate@bamestate.co.uk](mailto:communicate@bamestate.co.uk) or drop it into the Estate office or call Graham Hamilton on 020 7419 1112.

**House help and baby sitter available - Anna Maria, 07828 090 973, references available on request.**

**House Help available - including cleaning and ironing, Connie Fernandes (07929 954 241), available on Wednesday and Friday, references from a BAM resident available on request.**

**For Sale – Gilt ornate Mirror available. View in the Estate Office. £100 o.n.o.**

**Flat Rental - A family in Hampstead is looking for a flat to rent in the Estate for 6 months in March. If your flat will be available for renting, please contact Olivia Frieser on 07887 510 709.**