

# BAM BULLETIN

## COMING EVENTS

Come June we will again be erecting our large marquee in the gardens opposite the Estate Office for the following events:

### **AGM**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of B.A.M. Estate Ltd will be held in the marquee on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 p.m. All shareholders are invited to attend.

### ***Gardens Open Meeting***

The Gardens sub-committee are holding an Open Meeting on Friday 21 June at 6.0 p.m. in the marquee. to discuss progress with the renovation of the main bank in the East garden, new planting, and other issues of concern to residents.

### ***Garden Party***

The annual Garden Party will be held on Sunday 23 June from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. We welcome all contributions of food, and drink. Feel free to bring along any savoury or sweet dishes directly to the marquee in the central garden on Sunday, or if you prefer you can drop donations off after 12 o'clock in the Estate Office. If you can help please contact either Birgit on 07753 609 044, or call the Estate Office on 020 7419 1113. (You don't have to call to say that you are bringing something)

## Block Representatives

Following recent Power Outages in Marlborough West and Buckingham Blocks it has been suggested that communications in emergency situations would be improved if we could cascade information to Block Representatives. The Block Representatives will be responsible for keeping the residents of their block updated with emergency situation information passed to them by Board members.

Residents wishing to volunteer their services should give their names to Graham Hamilton in the Estate Office.

## Easter Egg Hunt

This year we had a very successful Easter Egg Hunt on the Estate. The gardens were brimming with colourful eggs and happy children searching for them, cheered on by parents and grandparents. It was lovely seeing so many residents in the garden. This year we hunted for plastic eggs and exchanged them for the all-important chocolate ones! Later we ran several relays of Egg and Spoon races and much chocolate was won and consumed by all. Many beautiful and creative Easter Bonnets were on display and won prizes. Thank you for all the generous donations and to the Mums who helped set up and run our great day. A special thank you to Nina Piercy for judging the Easter Bonnets.

EXTRA CONTEST - The efforts to hide the eggs this year were unsurpassed - in fact 3 green plastic eggs are still at large!!! Please help us find them; there will be generous lashings of chocolate to those who do. Please present any egg you may have found to the Estate Office to claim your reward.

## Garden News

### *Tree Surgery*

The False Acacia at the entrance of the driveway to the Estate Office was showing signs of rot in one limb, and so we asked Camden Council's tree officer to come and inspect the tree and advise us. He considered the tree needed to be taken down immediately and issued a DD (Dying or Deceased) order. The tree has now been removed, and we are arranging for the stump to be ground out. The

area can then be redesigned as the fence is no longer required.

### Central Bank

Work on renovating the central bank in the East garden is progressing at the northern end, with new drainage laid, underground electrical cables rerouted, the construction of a woodland path for the children, and approx. 20 tons of new soil introduced.

## Garden Rules

We recognize that the vast majority of residents respect the Garden Rules but at this time of the year we remind everyone of them so that we may all enjoy our beautiful gardens together. Please tidy up when you leave and do replace furniture if you have moved it. Ball games are only for the youngest children. Please use **only soft balls** in any throwing or catching games you play with them to prevent anyone getting hurt, or windows getting broken. Try to mind the flower beds, and if your children use chalk, make sure to wash it off before leaving the gardens.

## WEEE Recycling

If you need to get rid of any Waste Electrical or Electronic Equipment (WEEE) please contact the Estate Office and the porters will collect it from your flat. That includes televisions, computers, kitchen gadgets, in fact anything with a plug and lead or powered by batteries. When we have enough for a van load we take it to the Regis Road recycling depot.

## BAM Residents Association

### *Friends of Fortune Green,*

They are getting the ball rolling on their Big Picnic/outdoor film, Sat 1st June. The picnic will start at 6:30ish followed by the film at 8:30. The film will be 'Back to the Future' (PG) in which Marty McFly, played by Michael Fox is transported back 30 years back in time to 1955, almost back to 1951 the year of the Queen's coronation.

**Fortune Green & West Hampstead Neighbourhood Development Forum**  
Held a meeting on the 22 April to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> draft of their application and the minutes which you can view the plan at [www.ndpwesthampstead.org.uk](http://www.ndpwesthampstead.org.uk) They are also starting an "engagement campaign" between now and the Jester Festival to spread the word about the Forum to as many as possible.

In case you didn't catch the Ham & High Report on WHAT's survey of empty shops in West Hampstead, here is a link to their web site: [http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/survey\\_revealing\\_number\\_of\\_empty\\_shops\\_in\\_west\\_hampstead\\_sparks\\_concern\\_1\\_2172234](http://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/survey_revealing_number_of_empty_shops_in_west_hampstead_sparks_concern_1_2172234)

## 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.

**Babysitter Wanted:** - Family living at Avenue Mansions looking for part time baby sitter (high school student) ca. 4-6 hours/week more during summer break. email [postynart@mac.com](mailto:postynart@mac.com)

**Book Circle:** - Are there people interested in forming a Book Circle meeting once a month in the evening or day time? I would be happy to coordinate the first meeting and even suggest the first book to read. Please phone Mari on 07855 656978 or write to [mari@sved.co.uk](mailto:mari@sved.co.uk)

**Available to rent:** - An unfurnished five bedroom apartment on the top floor of Avenue Mansions. Comprising a large double reception/dining room, a fitted eat-in kitchen, four double bedrooms, a further single bedroom/study room, family bathroom, further shower room, utility room and guest WC. Rent - £1150 per week. Contact Tanweena on 07974 222 413.

**Looking to Buy:** - Ex-residents of Marlborough Mansions are now looking to buy a one or two bedroom flat and are extremely keen to purchase within the BAM estate. Contact: Colette Dipple: 07813161048 [colettedipple18@hotmail.com](mailto:colettedipple18@hotmail.com). Edward Henshaw: 07786437719 [edd\\_h@hotmail.com](mailto:edd_h@hotmail.com)