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Welcome to the Spring 2014 issue of NGRA News. Keeping you up to date with local issues.

Annual General Meeting

The NGRA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 13th March 2014**.

Please note this meeting will be held at **Harlow Hall (Norbury Derby & Joan Club), Stanford Road, Norbury, SW16 4PP** (corner of Oakhill Road). **Doors open at 7pm, meeting starts at 7.30pm**

We are pleased to announce that our **local Member for Parliament, Steve Reed OBE will be attending**.

Come along and hear about the work of the Association, and to find out what plans we have for 2014. Have your chance to voice your concerns about our area.

Membership renewals are due and you can renew for the coming year from 7pm. There is no increase in membership fees for this year. Refreshments will be available. Anyone can attend and if you have not been to our meetings before, please come along to find out what we do.

We will be holding our Committee elections, so if you have ever fancied taking a more active part please consider whether you would be interested in standing for election.

The NGRA Committee is a vital part of our organisation, we meet every few months to organise events like the Big Lunch, Quiz Nights, History Talks and we work with the Council to tackle the problem of fly-tipping and rubbish.

We are all volunteers and offer our time for free. We know that everyone is busy, so we share the workload, and have fun along the way, also happy in the knowledge that we are trying to improve the area in which we live. If you think you could spare a little time and would like to be more involved, please consider standing in the Committee Elections.

You can nominate on the night or if you are not able to attend you can put your name forward by emailing contact@norburygreen.co.uk

We would really like to see you at the AGM, whether you wish to seek election to the committee, become a member or, just come and see what we do you, will be most welcome!

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 13th March

7.30pm

(doors open 7pm)

LOCATION:

Harlow Hall

(Norbury Derby & Joan Club)

Stanford Road, Norbury

SW16 4PP

Free entry

Refreshments will be served

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NGRA Spring Front Garden Competition



The annual Norbury Green Spring Front Garden Competition will be held again this year.

The competition is for NGRA Members only. There will be certificates and prizes awarded for the top three. So get tidying up your front gardens and pruning those hedges and good luck!

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NGRA Quiz Night



In November we hosted the 2nd annual NGRA Quiz Night at St. Philip's Church Hall. Our local competitive quizzers seemed only too happy to put their credibility on the line, and once again reveal what a lot of brainbox residents Norbury has!

Apart from the fabulous £100.00 cash prize for the winning team – there were also runner up prizes, spot prizes, a raffle, nibbles, bar and the very popular sausage sizzle.

Our amazing resident quiz master Matt Dean ensured order and kept up the momentum and excitement in his usual pacey professional way.

Once again – a most convivial evening was had by all! It was a real nail-biting finish – and the winning team will surely have to return this year to defend their title!

We hope to see you all there at the 2014 event later in the year - details will be in future newsletter or check our website www.norburygreen.co.uk

Safer Neighbourhood Police Team

The Norbury SNT are based at **1342-1344 London Road, Norbury, SW16 4DG**. The reporting counter is open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 7pm and 8pm and every Saturday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm.

The police really do rely on members of the public reporting anything they feel is suspicious or reporting incidents of theft, anti-social behaviour and criminality. If you have any information that may be of assistance. **Please contact the SNT on 020 8721 2477** this local number is forwarded to their mobile at no further cost to you. Also if you don't get an immediate reply, please leave your contact details so they can call you back. Alternatively you can call **Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111**. **Remember if there is a crime in progress or an emergency call 999.**

Fly-tipping and rubbish – what are we doing?

The issue of fly-tipping is still high on our agenda. The NGRA committee works very closely with the other Residents' Associations in Norbury to tackle this problem. Every few months representatives from all our associations conduct a 'walkabout' along the London Road (High Street) with council officials highlighting problems with dumped rubbish, shop displays causing obstruction to pedestrians and poor paving to name a few issues.

We have had success in getting extra bins placed along the London Road, having areas jet washed, paving repaired and road markings repainted. Also shopkeepers have been reminded of their responsibilities to our community regarding how they dispose of their rubbish, and display their produce.

We report incidents of fly-tipping and encourage you to do the same. The council have launched a new app for your smartphone, which makes reporting very easy.

You can download the **free** 'My Croydon' reporting app from the Google play store for Android smartphones or Apple iTunes store for iPhones. Or you can report it via My Account which is available on the Croydon Council Website www.croydon.gov.uk or call 020 8726 6200 for public highway or 020 8726 6900 for parks & open spaces. Alternatively you can email our local Area Enforcement Team on: aeonorth@croydon.gov.uk or use www.fixmystreet.com and upload a photograph.

To report broken paving, pot holes or poor road markings

email: highwaysmaintenance@croydon.gov.uk

To report Anti-social behaviour, i.e.: Noise and Street Drinking see Croydon Council Website and report online. **If a crime is being committed call the police** then report it to the council.

The more we report these issues the more likely we are to see improvement in our area. **These problems affect us all so please don't ignore it or leave it to someone else, report it.**

Pavements are for pedestrians

We have had a number of our residents raising concern about the number of people riding bicycles and scooters along the pavements, often at speed. Please remember that pavements are for pedestrians. There are a lot of elderly people and small children in our area and we do not want to see any of them hurt by being hit by a speeding bike or scooter. Please be considerate to pedestrians. Thank you.

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Councillors Question Time – April

Local elections take place on Thursday 22nd May. In the run up to these elections the NGRA together with the other Residents' Associations in Norbury are hoping to host a Councillors Question Time event in April. At present we cannot publish the date of this event as not all candidates have been selected. We intend this Question Time to be open to ALL parties standing in this area. This will be an opportunity for you to meet the local councillors standing for election on our ward, as well as asking them the questions you want answers to. If you think you would like to attend and want more information please see our website www.norburygreen.co.uk or email us at contact@norburygreen.co.uk or call on 07864538044.

Big Lunch – Sunday 1st June



We will be hosting the Big Lunch again this year. This is a great chance to get out and meet your neighbours whilst enjoying a selection of shared dishes and this ever popular event. More details will be available nearer the time on our website www.norburygreen.co.uk or you can contact us at contact@norburygreen.co.uk or call us on 07864538044.

Update on our visit to the Palace of Westminster



Steve Reed OBE our Member of Parliament has kindly offered **NGRA Members** the chance to visit the Palace of Westminster. **The date for this will now be in June** (exact date and time to be advised). We still have a few places available. It would mean making your own way to and from Westminster. **Places are limited** and are on a first come first served basis so if you are a member, and would like to take advantage of this great

opportunity please **contact us on 07864538044** or **via email** contact@norburygreen.co.uk as soon as possible.

Norbury Library

As you know we led a big campaign to ensure we kept our local library.

In October 2013 Croydon Council outsourced the running of 13 borough libraries, including Norbury, to J Laings, the construction company. Within weeks, Laings sold their Integrated Services arm of their business, which included libraries to Carillion, another construction company. You have probably read about this take over in the local press.

The NGRA are currently organising a meeting in early March with Carillion to find out what their plans for Norbury library are. We will keep you updated as we continue to be committed to saving our library.

Coming soon the 'LOVE NORBURY' Campaign

The 'Love Norbury' campaign is an exciting new initiative we are taking part in with the other Residents' Associations in Norbury. It aims to help improve our area in a way that will benefit us all. Look out for a newsletter coming through your door soon. Details will be put on our website in due course www.norburygreen.co.uk

NGRA Membership Discount

We are pleased to announce that the **DolceVita Italian Café, Bar and Pizzeria, 1496 London Road** are offering **NGRA members a 10% discount when spending £5 or more in the Café**. Please remember to show your valid membership card to receive the discount. DolceVita are located on the corner of London Road near Norbury train station and Norbury Avenue, opposite the entrance to Norbury Park.

Cappadocia Ocabasi, Turkish Restaurant at 1154 London Road, Norbury, SW16 4DS (corner of Melrose Avenue). Offer **NGRA Members a 10% discount off the final bill on production of your valid NGRA membership card**.

Moon under Water, London Road, Norbury, offer **NGRA Members a 20% discount off your food bill on production of your valid NGRA membership card**.

Support our local shops and enjoy the benefits of being an NGRA member.

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Banana and Chocolate Chip Muffins

Something delicious and easy to make for tea.

Prep time: 10 mins

Cooking time: 25-30 mins

Makes: 12

Ingredients

- 125g (4½ oz) butter
- 175g (6oz) soft brown sugar
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 2 medium eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract or essence
- 175g (6oz) plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 100g pack plain or milk chocolate chips
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon

Method

Preheat the oven to 180c/Fan 160c/Gas mark 4. Line a muffin tin with 12 paper muffin cases.

1. Melt the butter, either in a bowl in the microwave oven or a saucepan over a gentle heat. Add the sugar, bananas, beaten egg and vanilla extract and mix together well.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and cinnamon into another bowl. Add the chocolate chips and then fold in the banana mixture.
3. Divide between the muffin cases and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until firm but springy to touch.
4. Sit down and enjoy with a cuppa.

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Have you got a news story or an article about Norbury that you'd like us to publish? Then email the editor: newsletter.ngra@yahoo.com

Association Committee Members

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NGRA Membership 2014

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Membership Secretary, NGRA
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 £5 (£2.50 concessions)

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