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**Norbury Green
Residents' Association**



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NGRA News

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Welcome to the Summer 2015 issue of NGRA News. Keeping you up to date with local issues in your neighbourhood.

NGRA Annual General Meeting

We had a good turnout and Ann, our Chair, gave an update on what the association had been doing over the last 12 months. The elections of the NGRA Committee took place and we are very pleased to welcome two new committee members. Both are new to the area and have recently joined the association.

Chair - Ann McGillivray

Vice Chair - Charmian Gunnis

Secretary - Sue Barsatou

Treasurer & Membership - John McGillivray

Committee members - Barbara Armstrong, Eddie Coleman, Jim Pedder, Mary Fox, Anita Konzac & Juliet Hayes.

If you still haven't joined or renewed your membership it is NOT TOO LATE! There is no increase to membership fees again this year. Current membership is £5.00 per household or £2.50 concessions (student, in receipt of state benefits or pension). Please see application form on back page.

Spring Garden Competition - Results



1st Place - 73 Norbury Court Road

"A well tended and attractive garden with the wow factor!"

2nd Place - 174 Norbury Court Road

"A colourful garden and pleasing to the eye"

3rd Place - 154 Northborough Road

"Pretty garden with an excellent use of a compact space"

**Highly Commended/Special Mention –
24 Benett Gardens**

"Well maintained garden"

Our team of judges was out and about and we are very pleased to list the winners of the annual Spring Garden Competition. The standard this year has been very high and it was lovely to see so many pretty front gardens! Certificates and prizes for the **top three** gardens have been awarded. Well done to you all.

NGRA QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 5th September

**St Philip's Church Hall
Beech Road, Norbury**

**Doors open at 6.30pm
Quiz Starts at 7.00pm**

1st Prize - £100

2nd Prize - £25

**Cash Bar, Sausage Sizzle &
Raffle!**

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Call**

**020 8764 2626 or
07864538044**

£3 each or team of 6 £15

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Big Lunch



We held our annual big lunch on the green in Semley Road on Sunday 7th June.

The weather was very kind to us and we spent an enjoyable afternoon chatting and sharing interesting and tasty dishes with our friends and neighbours. We hope to hold another Big Lunch in 2016.



CLEAN & GREEN CHAMPIONS

Clean and Green Street Champions are a network of people who have volunteered to improve the environment in their local area. Being a Champion can fill as little or as much of your time as you want. Some Champions concentrate on reporting flytips and untidy front gardens, some carry out litter picks and others organise community action days encouraging neighbours to Take Pride in the area they live in.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Tracey Bellamy at champions@croydon.gov.uk



The Notorious Norbury Market & Fair

The Notorious Norbury Market and Fair was successfully launched on Sunday 31st May and has become Norbury's monthly 'must do' event on the last Sunday of each month. You'll find it in the Function Room at The Norbury, SW16 4DG.

With an amazing array of stalls - an eclectic mix of handcrafted, vintage, antiques, collectables, art, crafts, toys, books, beauty, clothing, accessories, jewellery, pre-loved, nearly new, homemade cakes, bakes, preserves, sweet and savoury treats, hot international food, children's craft activities and face painting – there's something for everyone to enjoy.

The event is supported by Love Norbury, the four Norbury Residents' Associations and Norbury Mums and you can see lots of photos and find out more about it at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Notorious-Norbury-Market-Fair/799761530131232>

And if you still want to know more or to book a stall please call Roxxana on 07941 778832.

Don't miss the next events on 30th August and 27th September from 10:30am to 4:30pm.

With free admission and free parking what's not to Love? Love Norbury!

NGRA General Meeting
Saturday 19th September
Norbury Baptist Church, Semley Road
Doors open at 10.15am
Refreshments, Homemade cake stall
and raffle!
Come and find out more about your
Residents' Association
All Welcome

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NGRA Photography Competition

Calling all budding photographers out there! We want to see your photographs of Norbury. Get out and about and take your favourite shot of the local area. **There will be certificates for the best photos and we will put a selection of them on the NGRA Website.**

Send your photos to norburygreen@yahoo.co.uk or post to NGRA, 32 Semley Road, Norbury, SW16 4PH - if you want your photograph returned please add your name and address to the back. Good Luck!!

Love Norbury Update

Love Norbury 'A year On' Re-launch event

The Love Norbury Re-launch event was held on 18th June 2015. It was a great event and lots of local people attended. Steve Reed MP congratulated Love Norbury on what has 'clearly been a successful year'. He described how important it is to pull people together to give the area a voice because when people get together they can make it happen. He said the potential for Love Norbury is huge and that Love Norbury has his 100% support.

The Love Norbury Constitution was agreed and Committee elections were held.

Priorities for Norbury were discussed including: Transport and Norbury station; Events to put Norbury on the Map; Community and Green Spaces; High Street and Retail, Planning and Environment.

The Love Norbury Committee has created sub groups relating to the above priorities. Sub Groups will be responsible for taking forward actions relating to their theme. All sub groups will report back to the Love Norbury Committee on progress on a bi-monthly basis.

More sub group members are required so if anyone is interested in getting involved in a particular sub group please get in touch with Anita: akonczak@yahoo.com

For more information about the Love Norbury Campaign please see their website: www.lovenorbury.org.uk

80's Night An 80's night is being organised for the 16th October 2015 in the Norbury pub function room. Further details will be available in due course.

Norbury Knitters Norbury Knitters are needed for a secret challenge. For further details please email shhnrburyknitters@gmail.com

Joint Planning Committee Report

The four Residents' Associations of Norbury have formed a Joint Planning Committee. The Committee decides whether local planning applications need to be discussed with neighbours, and whether objections should be submitted.

In recent months the Committee has for example: **Objected** to the infringement of planning rules by the owner of the two Havana 'cafes' and also spoken against them at the Planning Subcommittee. The owner now has planning permission to reinstate proper shop fronts and to end shisha smoking. **Opposed** the licence to Paddy Power to cover two units. The reasons were also explained at the Licensing Committee meeting considering the application. The Committee was in fact powerless to refuse because the police had no grounds for opposition relating to criminal activity associated with the existing betting shop.

The Committee welcomes some developments and therefore does not oppose them, e.g. the Antic pub proposal. In broad terms it welcomes the proposals for the former Norbury Police Station: conversion to flats with two non-residential units on the ground floor, and the replacement of the building at the rear by houses with gardens. It had a meeting on site with the developer and the architect to discuss their emerging plans.

There are many planning developments which we cannot influence. For example, the former Government gave permitted development rights to house extensions up to a certain size and for the conversion of office blocks (like Astral and Windsor Houses) into flats without needing planning permission. The new Government has announced on the back of the Budget that there will be further categories of such rights. This will make it more difficult for the Council and residents to oppose or have conditions put on developments covered by such rights.

On 11 July members met with the Council and local Councillor Maggie Mansell, to discuss a wide range of issues and concerns with the planning process and its impact on Norbury. We have stressed particular examples, like the need to carry out enforcement action against unauthorised planning developments, improvements to the information on the planning register website, ways to make public that discussions are underway on what is called pre-applications (before formal submission), concerns about the way Building Control operates, and the need for further protection of trees including groups of trees which help to provide visual amenity. The Council is in the process of making some changes to the Croydon Local Plan which sets out its aims and policies for what the

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planning system is trying to achieve. The Committee will be looking at what they mean for Norbury and will seek to ensure that Norbury is better protected.

If you have concerns about planning matters or wish to become involved in the detailed work please contact the Committee by emailing contact@norburygreen.co.uk or call 020 8764 2626. You can read the full Planning Committee report on the NGRA website www.norburygreen.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NGRA - QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 5th September

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NGRA GENERAL MEETING & Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th September 2015

10.15am – Norbury Baptist Church, Semley Road, Norbury. Refreshments, Homemade cake stall and raffle.

LOVE NORBURY 80's Night

16th October 2015, The Norbury Pub, London Road, Norbury.

Notorious Norbury Market & Fair

Last Sunday of the month at the Norbury Pub, London Road, Norbury.

More details of all these events can be seen on the NGRA website:

www.norburygreen.co.uk

Norbury - Safer Neighbourhood Team

To contact the Norbury SNT or to receive weekly updates about what is happening in your area and for crime prevention advice just email Norbury.snt@met.police.uk. Or telephone 101.

If you would like to call anonymously you can contact **Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111**.

REMEMBER if there is an emergency always call 999.

Association Committee Members

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| Chair | Ann McGillivray |
| Vice Chair | Charmian Gunnis |
| Secretary | Sue Barsatoo |
| Treasurer | John McGillivray |

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