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**Norbury Green
Residents' Association**

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NGRA News

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

Front Garden Competition

The winner of this year's Front Garden Competition was 8 Ena Road for their lovely colourful spring flower display.



Second place went to 154 Northborough Road for best use of a small space and Third prize to 85 Isham Road for balance and colour.

Help keep your Neighbourhood Tidy

We all want to live in a place that looks clean and tidy. We have had a lot of very windy weather in recent weeks and this has meant that the contents of our recycling bins and other items of litter have been blowing round the streets. You can really help by keeping your front garden and the area in front of your home litter-free.

If we can each keep our own 'patch' tidy this will make for a much more pleasing environment for everyone.

Dates for your Diary

Join your neighbours for



on
Sunday 12th June
on the Green
in Semley Road
2pm to 4pm

Bring a Dish to Share
Raffle ~ Games
~ Face Painting ~
Be part of your Community
ALL WELCOME!

GENERAL MEETING

11am - Saturday 3rd September
Leonard Memorial Hall
Norbury Baptist Church, Semley Road
Cake Sale ~ Raffle

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 1st October

6:30 for 7pm

**St Philip's Church Hall, Beech Road
Norbury SW16 4NW**

Sam Jennings puts Norbury on the Map

Sam Jennings, who trades as Flower Girl London at Norbury Station, was chosen to make floral letters and décor for the launch of Channel 4's six-part comedy-drama 'Flowers' starring Olivia Colman and Julian Barratt.



Sam used hundreds of white chrysanthemums to create the letters and also made 150 test tube creations to hang off metal chains in the hallway as well as an additional 80 for guests to take away with them!



Sam really does provide flowers for all occasions! Find her in the ticket hall.

Security Matters

AT HOME: With the warmer weather upon us please be mindful of your home security. It only takes a few minutes for someone to access an unattended unlocked door. Also, please remember to close and lock all your windows and doors when the property is unattended, even if you are just popping out for a pint of milk.

GOING AWAY: If you are going to be away overnight it might also be useful to put a light on a timer switch to come on in the evening and go off around the time you would be going to bed.

VEHICLES: Make sure your vehicle is secure when leaving it parked on the street. It is easy to leave a window open in warm weather.

Norbury Library

Opening hours:

Monday: 9am - 7pm **Tuesday:** 9am - 6pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9:30am - 6pm **Friday:** 9am - 6pm

Saturday: 9am - 5pm **Sunday:** Closed

Children's Events

Free drop-in events for young children:

Bookstart Rhymetime: Fridays 11am -11:30am

Wiggle and Jiggle: Thursdays 10:30am -11am (term-time only)

Storytime: Saturdays 11am -11.30am

Reading Groups

Adult Reading Group: meets once a month on a Monday 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Crime Fiction Reading Group: meets every 4th Saturday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Homework Help Club

Specially trained helpers offer support with homework assignments for young people aged 9–16 years. Students benefit from space to study, access to a wide selection of books, word processing and supervised internet access.

The Club is free and young people can drop in as and when they please.

Club Opening times:

Term time: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm - 6pm, Saturday 2pm - 5pm

Half term/Easter holidays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2pm - 5pm

Christmas and Summer holidays: Closed

IT Support Sessions

The library runs free IT Sessions every Tuesday from 11am - 12 noon and 1pm - 2pm.

For further information and to book a session please contact the library on 020 3700 1011.

Food waste bags are now available from the library priced at £5.99 for 100.



Our AGM was held in March

Our AGM was well attended and it was good to see some new faces – the ‘old’ ones are always welcome, of course!

The Association had 79 members in the year ended 31st March. We hope you will all renew your membership for the current year if you haven't already done so. And, of course, new members are always welcome – the more we have the more we represent when lobbying the Council and others.

After several years in the Chair, Ann McGillivray stood down at the meeting. I'm sure you will all agree that she has done a brilliant job and we send her HUGE thanks for her tireless efforts!



Ann will continue to be an invaluable member of the Committee.

We are grateful to our new Chair, Juliet Hayes, who has agreed to step into Ann's shoes and are pleased to welcome back Helen Toumazos who has returned to serve on the Committee after a few years' break. The full Committee is listed on the back page.

Residents were reminded about the Photograph Competition and urged to send in photographs of Norbury. Please try to look beyond the fly-tipping and find some positive images of our locality. Email to: norburygreen@yahoo.co.uk or post to: NGRA, 32 Semley Road, Norbury, SW16 4PH

We continue to raise matters with the Council and Transport for London in an effort to keep the streets tidy and make Norbury the best it can be.

We urge you to report any problems direct to them as well, either via their website at www.croydon.gov.uk/contact-us or by phone on 020 8726 6000, but if there are any particular issues you feel might be best dealt with by the Association please use the form on the website, email contact@norburygreen.co.uk, or phone 07864 538044.

Garden Waste Collections



You will be aware that, in line with many other Councils, green waste collections are no longer free in Croydon. If you haven't signed up for the new 'paid for' service but would like to, it's not too late, but you have to apply online at www.croydon.gov.uk. If you don't have access to a computer you can do this from the library. Prices are:

- £55/year for 140 litre bin service
- £60/year for 240 litre bin service
- £100/year for two 140 litre bin service
- £105/year for two 240 litre bin service

Collections are fortnightly from April to November.



Love Norbury Day

Saturday 11th June – Noon to 3pm

Come and join us for Love Norbury Day and the Queen's 90th Birthday....

We have a fun filled afternoon planned on the high street for the whole community to enjoy!

Great live music, lots of entertainment, face painting, raffle and some surprises too!

Local shops and restaurants will be offering samples and special treats...

The high street will look amazing.....

Do come and join us!

Your Committee for 2016-2017

Chair Juliet Hayes
Vice-Chair Charmian Gunnis
Treasurer John McGillivray
Secretary Sue Barsatoo
Members Anita Konczak
Ann McGillivray
Barbara Armstrong
Eddie Coleman
Helen Toumazos
Jim Pedder

Contact us 07864538044
contact@norburygreen.co.uk

The Norbury Secret Knitters

If you would like to join the group – and they say you will have such a good yarn you will be in stitches – get more information by emailing ann.creighton@btopenworld.com



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32 Semley Road, Norbury, SW16 4PH

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