

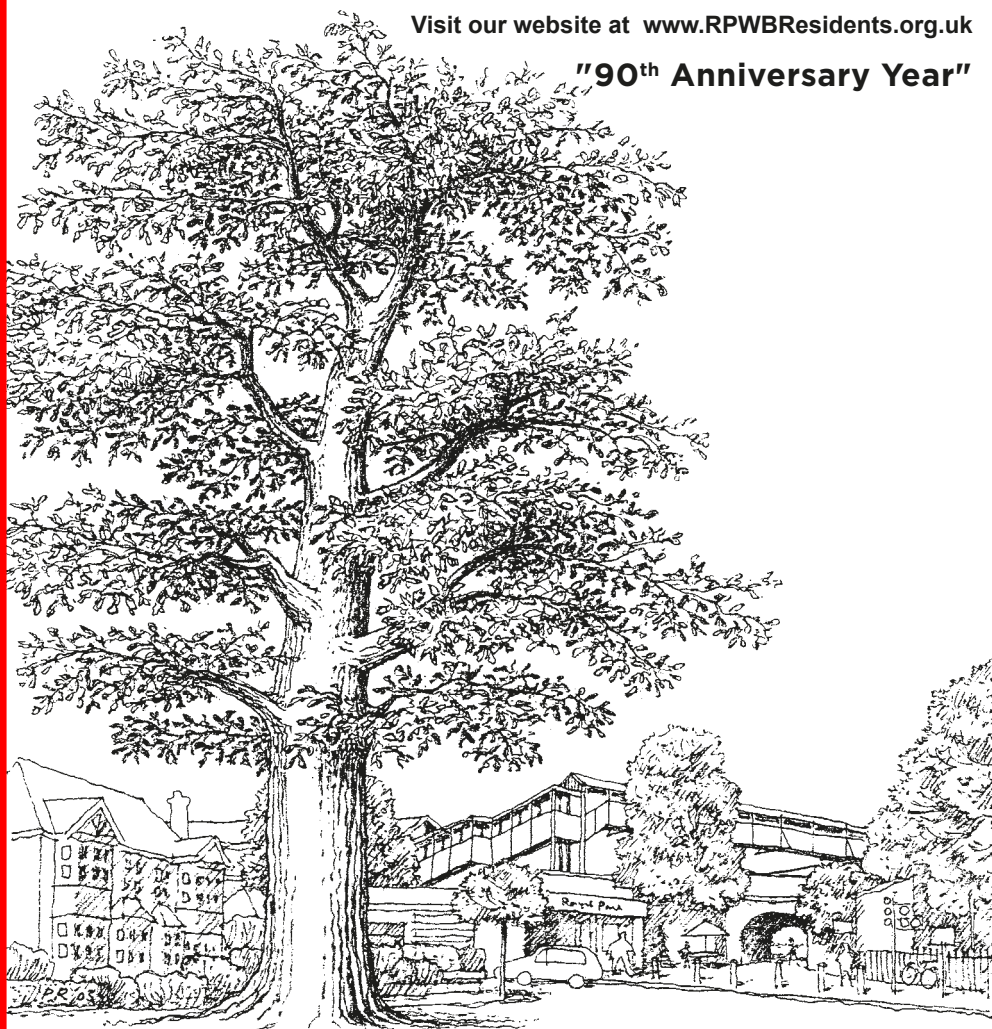
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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

NEW MORDEN LEISURE CENTRE

The Council has announced that the new Morden Leisure Centre will soon be open to the public.

This is in Morden Park. It replaces the Morden Park Pool which was said to be energy inefficient and expensive to maintain.

Once the new Centre opens, the old building will be demolished, and the land restored to open space and landscaped with trees.

The new Centre has a 25m x 13m main pool and a smaller secondary pool with a movable floor, so that it can be used for everything from shallow toddler sessions to diving.

There will be a studio and fitness suite, and a café with outside seating for dog-walkers. There are also facilities for disabled people.

It will be run by the same company that already manages the Wimbledon Leisure Centre and Canons Leisure Centre in Mitcham.

MASCOT TELECARE

For elderly and vulnerable people living at home, the Mascot telecare service is an enormous comfort. It ought to be better known.

It was introduced by Merton Council some 28 years ago and provides a pendant that can be hung around the neck or on the arm, which clients can press to contact

the Mascot office 24 hours a day should they have a fall or accident at home. The telecare service will then contact a nominated relation or friend - or send a staff member to help. They will contact the emergency services if needed.

The office is locally based.

My own mother was given a pendant when she got into her eighties and found it very reassuring when she had to be left alone in the house. On occasion she pressed the pendant by accident, and they were very good in telling her not to worry about this.

Since the scheme originally started, they have added a handyman service which means that someone can come and do the small jobs that need to be done, such as changing light bulbs or fitting tap washers or setting up a bedroom for someone who has just come out of hospital.

Mascot also offers other technologies that are designed to help people to live independently. These include door sensors to alert family members if a person with dementia leaves the home, and flood sensors to prevent people letting sinks or baths overrun.

There is a small weekly charge for the monitoring-only service, and a slightly larger one for the response service, including the handyman. Mascot can be contacted for more information on:

www.mascot-telecare.org.uk.

or by telephone on: 020 8274 5940.

TRAVELLERS ON CANNON HILL COMMON

There were in fact two incursions last month by travellers camping on Cannon Hill Common. We understand that the

Council is taking up the suggestion of obtaining a permanent injunction in the High Court to prevent further illegal incidents. This won't stop the problem altogether but should assist in making their removal quicker and easier.

John Elvidge



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND OPEN MEETINGS

November

Thursday 8th - 90th Anniversary Dinner
7.00 for 7.30pm Taste Restaurant

Tuesday 13th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

December

Saturday 15th - **Volunteers' Party 7.15pm Pavilion**

RAYNES PARK FORUM

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Winter Fair – Saturday November 17th 2018 St. Matthew's Church, Durham Road, SW20 0DE 11.30 – 2p.m.

Join us at our Winter Fair to buy all your Christmas gifts and meet Father Christmas.

Range of stalls with something for everyone including books, home made cakes, jewellery, cards, bric a brac, toys, face painting and much, much more.

Grand raffle, bottle tombola and fantastic refreshments.

Stay for lunch, enjoy a glass or two of mulled wine or a cup of tea and cake, and watch a ballet show by the pupils of West Wimbledon Dance Academy.

Note the Date – it's a Winter Fair not to be missed.

Your Last chance to JOIN US FOR OUR...

90th Anniversary Dinner

Thursday 8th November 2018

Taste Restaurant

*Merton College
London Road Morden SM4 5QX*

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Starter

Roast pumpkin velouté, toasted pumpkin seeds and chilli (v)
or
Smoked haddock ravioli, soft poached egg, parsley sauce, pancetta crumb

Main

Sautéed chicken, dauphinoise potatoes, spinach, sauce forestiere
or
Caramelised onion risotto, rocket, balsamic glaze, shallot rings (v)

Dessert

Bread and butter pudding, vanilla custard
or
Shortbread Mille feuille, seasonal fruit and vanilla cream, fruit coulis

Freshly brewed tea and coffee

Please make your server aware of any allergies or dietary requirements Information about allergens in our dishes is kept onsite and is available on request

Cost per person including a drink on arrival will be £25

**Please contact Jill on 020 8879 3525, jilltruman2@gmail.com
or**

**Clare on 020 8947 4693, claretownsend@virginmedia.com if you wish to
reserve places**

Editor's Blog

'Tis the time of year when we start the countdown to Christmas and lots of churches and local organisations are holding their annual Christmas Fairs. These are good places to pick up Christmas cards and presents, arts and crafts, and enjoy home-baked cakes. So why not visit . . .

Holy Cross Christmas Fair

Church Hall, Adela Avenue, Motspur Park on
Saturday 24th November from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Home made cakes, books.

Sacred Heart RC Primary School Christmas Fair

Burlington Road, New Malden, KT3 4ND

Saturday 24th November, 12-3pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun including an ice rink, plenty of games, a gourmet BBQ and bar, and more...

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<https://bit.ly/2pSkzSx>

All welcome!

Raynes Park Festival Welcomes Christmas

Friday 7 December 2018 from 3.30pm to 7.00pm

On Friday 7th December from 3.30pm - 7.00pm Raynes Park will come alive with the Christmas spirit with a range of entertainment for the whole family.

Once again there will be a larger stage for live performances provided by Clownfish Events and located in the car park outside Waitrose.

The Mayor of Merton, Councillor Mary Curtin, will speak from the stage at 5.00pm to open the festival.

There will be live animals in a petting enclosure, entertainment by a brass band and local primary school choirs and children can pay a visit to Santa's Grotto to receive a gift from Father Christmas himself.

The festival is made possible thanks to the generous support of local businesses whose advertising banners may be seen on the fence Coombe Lane from 1 December.

With a range of trade stalls, Friday 7 December promises a great afternoon of Christmas spirit, seasonal live music, drama, entertainment and fun for all.

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RAYNES PARK

Discussions between Network Rail (NR) and the Raynes Park Association (RPA) – September 2018

Response from Connie Banda NR 28 September 2018 with responses from Chris Larkman RPA in red

1) Encroaching shrubs - an order has been placed for the removal of vegetation from the station roof and around the station building. I await a confirmed date when the work will be carried out. *There are also two places where vegetation creeps at the rate of about 1 foot per annum – places I showed you on our walkabout: a) leaving the main station entrance on the north, turn left and to towards Waitrose – at the point where cars enter the Waitrose car park, NR vegetation needs serious attention.*

b) Again on the northside, going the other direction i.e. to the right, passing the traffic bridge and to the north of the 'Skew Arch' i.e. the pedestrian and cycle bridge – on the left of the entrance to the bridge. Again, the vegetation needs cutting back.

2) Footbridge – a coat of paint and station entrance - we understand the concerns you raise about the condition of the bridge. Network Rail is publicly funded and does not have any funding now to repaint the bridge given other safety critical priorities across our route. That is not to say that we would not be supportive if a third party, such as a local authority or developer wished to fund improvements and we would be delighted to work with them. This would require us to plan a possession for the aesthetics work on the bridge to be carried out safely. We should also mention that with Crossrail2, we would

see a new station delivered. Discussions about the station are being led by South Western Railway. See notes below.

3) Wooden Fence on Platform 1 - a possession to remove the fence had been planned but due to other safety critical issues that affect the railway, this is now being re-planned, the team is working hard to find another suitable possession to carry out the requested work.

We are pleased that this is on your 'to do' list and we look forward to its removal at your earliest convenience.

4) Embankments and planting regime - clearing the embankment will be done when there is a possession in place. For areas where our maintenance team can work with a line block, then we may not have to wait for the possession. The local authority will need to place more bins with signage as previously suggested in March when our contractors removed the litter thrown over by people waiting at the bus stop. We will write to the council to request it installs bins. On the point of planting on our embankment - the maintenance team will report back after inspecting as this area raises a safety concern given the embankment is steep and close to the road and bus stop. The site is vulnerable to erosion issues.

The two embankments in question are

*a) From Elite cars eastwards to the road bridge on the north of the railway and
b) from the southern station entrance to the road bridge, it would be helpful if you got notes from Paula Williams (our previous NR contact). She will confirm that no possession is required to undertake work on these embankments.*

A planting programme was agreed and initiated. This included establishing terracing which enables planting and safe access.

(All necessary checks about erosion and steepness were addressed at that stage.) The programme ceased because NR decided to discontinue using the original company and failed to replace it. See also notes below. (There should be no safety concerns about any work being undertaken and the closeness to either bus stops of roads – this was not previously an issue.)

5) Japanese Knotweed transferring from NR land to public space - we raised an order to have the area inspected first, upon inspection, the maintenance team added the site to our treatment programme. I attach our treatment programme document explaining how Network Rail deals with Japanese Knotweed. In summary, the plant is treated twice a year from April to September; the treatment sometimes last up to 5 years. *We have noticed that in the past 10 days the JK has indeed been cut back and presumably treated. We are pleased action has been taken and that treatment will now continue for as long as needed.*

6) Kiss & Ride – you will need to raise this with South Western Railway, as they are the station tenant and would be responsible for introducing and funding for such a scheme. You can contact them at customerrelations@swrailway.com. *In fact, this project is part of a S106 agreement between Merton Council and the Rainbow Estate as part of the planning permission for developing the estate. NR are party to this agreement and have agreed the plans. However, because of the uncertainties about CrossRail2, the development is on hold and in consequence so are the Kiss & Ride plans. We remain concerned about the state of this piece of land and would want to see it used properly. Indeed, on our site visit today,*

we noticed an amount of fly-tipping at the entrance to the estate. We have notified the station manager of this.

7) Transfer of two pieces of land - About your questions about the land transfers to London Borough of Merton, I am awaiting further details and hope to update you next week.

We can confirm we have now learned from LB Merton that final consent to the transfer of these pieces of land is now imminent.

NOTES

There are three key areas which the RPA wants to progress with you:

1) Embankments.

Raynes Park exists as a town because of the railway. The railway dominates the town, particularly because it is high up on embankments. We therefore need the planting regime (on the above-mentioned embankments) reinitiated. Because of neglect over the past few years, a significant initial piece of work will be required. Thereafter we estimate that 4 people working for 3 hours 4 times a year should suffice for one of the embankments. We would be happy to arrange a partnership with NR and a local business (or businesses) to sponsor this work. (They could be permitted to erect a sign to indicate their sponsorship).

We suggest we work with NR to look at setting up such a scheme, costing it up.

2) Footbridge.

We are very keen to have this footbridge painted. (This was indeed promised to us a while back.). It is an eyesore as seen approaching the station from either side. We would be happy to look to local businesses

to contribute say on a 50/50 basis with NR.
Again, we suggest this project is costed.

3) Front of Station.

As with the footbridge, the station entrance (i.e. as seen approaching the main entrance from the road) is a total mess. It should not cost a vast sum to make this look half decent. The London Borough of Merton has spent a considerable sum on improving Raynes Park over the years. We're now asking NR to spend a much smaller amount tidying its own land. Again, if needed, we would be prepared to see if we could obtain a contribution from local businesses.

This also needs to be costed.

Tony Edwards, Place, Design & Planning, has produced a helpful document spelling out the improvements needed (document previously circulated).

OUR CONCLUSION

We would like to meet with relevant managers at NR to further these three points and to discover a way forward.

Chris Larkman, RPA



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Andrew Barwick,

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The Fountain Public House New Malden

The Fountain, at the top of New Malden High Street, has been a local landmark in our neighbouring area for many years, but is alas, at least temporarily, no more.

It closed in June for a major redevelopment of the site, which will see three 5-storey blocks containing 43 apartments and a shop or café being built.

The Pub will be reduced to half its size within the original Georgian building, but will lose its extension, garden and car park, as well as its first and second floors, previously used as a kitchen, meeting rooms and staff accommodation.

The loss of garden and car park space will also impact on the annual New Malden Fortnight event, the Korean Food Festival and a regular Farmers' Market.

Construction work is now in progress, behind a barrier of Berlin Wall proportions. At least, for Pub goers, half a pub is better than none!

Dick Coleman



Film Merton... ... Coming Soon

Film Merton is an exciting initiative funded by the London Mayor's Cultural Impact Award and the local council to increase engagement in the arts amongst socially excluded members of the community. Film was the overwhelming art form of choice of local people and there is a longer-term objective of having a cinema in Mitcham. During 2019-2020, curated seasons of films chosen by the community and high-profile guests, together with a film festival showing original short films made locally with an emphasis on new technology, will be delivered.

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LETTERS



(Letters to the Editor should be sent to: Jilltruman2@gmail.com)

To: The Editor
From: Wendy Mitchell, Coppice Cl.
Date: 29th September 2018

If it weren't so serious.....

Just for the record, I have today sent the following letter to Merton Council:

"I am incensed by the decision of the London Borough of Merton Council to impose these awful wheelie bins all over our beautiful Merton, which now looks as though it has been taken over by Daleks! Not to mention the enormous cost of the giant vehicles needed to collect them.

Social Services are crying out for money needed to care for people. A cartoon vision comes to mind of sick, ill or dying people being told ' sorry we can't send a person to care for you, but you can have a large wheelie bin instead!'"

[For me, it isn't the bi-weekly – collections, (nor the bins themselves, because I can store them out of sight) but the idiocy of the Council and their contractors in apparently not listening to what people have been telling them. The whole exercise has so far cost more than £40 million, so Mrs Mitchell is right to question whether the Council is getting its priorities right; but, worse than that, is forcing single households to have huge bins,

when smaller ones together with larger, lidded crates would have been much more sensible for some, and we should – since they are spending our money - have been given the option to stipulate what we wanted in terms of provision. Ed.]



To: RPL&WBRA
From: James Williams
Date: 7th October 2018

Some days ago, when they closed Southway to through traffic, I had a conversation with the workers organising that. They told me that they were trying to speed up the project so that it would finish earlier than December. They also told me that they were trying complete the section from the mini roundabouts to the cottages in one long section of pipe.

They then began digging across the roundabout. My wife reminded me that about the time of construction of the roundabouts, Thames Water did an inspection and declared the drainage in the area to be in a fragile condition. That prompted me to telephone SGN and ask if they had been made aware of that and were working in conjunction with Thames Water in order to avoid any damage to the drains. I was promised a call back on that but did not receive one.

Today they were working opposite the Evelyn Nursery and I happened to be working in my back garden which is very close by. There was a lot of drilling and general noise and the running of a pump. I thought this might be a water pump and perhaps that they had hit a drain. One of the workers asked another for special tool because he had seen a large crack in something. I therefore telephoned

SGN to see if they knew what was happening. They told me that the workers had reported that they had caused a gas leak shortly before I telephoned and that the project Manager and repair crew were on their way. They assured me that it was not a water leak despite the pump noise.

I left it at that although it was said that anybody could approach the work to ask questions if they wanted to. I did not do that today but might do that later. I thought that somebody might like to ask some "official" questions in the circumstances. I felt that SGN should be working in conjunction with Thames Water because that company has the up to date plans of the area. The Council no longer has those as they were handed over to Thames Water. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed".



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Tips for Avoiding Burglary

I had my car stolen from my driveway at 4.00 in the morning. The dogs barked their head's off which is why I came down stairs. Here, again, are some:

Top tips from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams to help residents avoid being burgled whilst away on holiday.

- Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house or flat number or the first three letters of your house name.
- Register items with a serial number at: www.immobilise.com
- Do not leave your car keys or ID documents near doors, letterbox or windows. Lock them away safely.
- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you are only going out for a few minutes.
- Keep your valuables out of sight through windows.
- Leave some lights on & ask a neighbour to pop in and open/close curtains if it will be dark before you get home or you are away for a few days.
- Install a visible burglar alarm &/or CCTV & don't forget to set it!
- Always keep sheds and outbuildings securely locked.
- Lock away any ladders safely out of view.
- Cancel milk or other deliveries if you will be away for days or weeks at a time.

INVITATION TO JOIN US

If you have received the Guide but are not yet a member of the Association please phone Andrew Barwick 8543 0978 who will put you in the picture.

Don't advertise your holiday on Social Media!!!

If you see anyone acting suspiciously in your area, call 999 immediately.

Editor



RAYNES PARK LIBRARY NEWS

To reserve a place where required, talk to staff, call 020 8274 5718 or email raynespark.library@merton.gov.uk.

Prevista

Steps to Work Every Thursday (12.30pm – 2.00pm)

Fortnightly one-to-one sessions will be arranged to support Merton residents 19 years and above who are long-term unemployed (minimum of 6-months) and are actively seeking full-time work. *Booking is required.*

Drop-In Police Surgery, Tuesday 19 November (10am-11am) and Monday 10th December (10am-11am)

Come and discuss issues that matter to you in your community with your local officers.

Arty Social, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th November

All events are on Fridays

2 – 3pm (Term-time only)

Join our FREE friendly art club led by students from Kings College School. Beginners are very welcome. Get creative, learn new techniques and share ideas. Drawing, still life, painting, sculpture and more!



News from the Friends of West Barnes Library

(next to Motspur Park Station)



Friends of West Barnes Library

Volunteers needed

Can you spare a couple of hours occasionally? West Barnes Library urgently needs more volunteers to help at a range of levels to assist staff. You could be helping keep the library open for the people of Motspur Park. Training will be given. For details and to apply, please ask at the counter.

The FoWBL Events team are looking for volunteers to organise events and to come up with some new ideas. If you are interested in helping please contact the Friends at mail@friendsowbl.org.uk or friendsowbl.org.uk

What's on?

Coming up at West Barnes Library

To reserve a place where required, talk to staff, call 020 8274 5789 or email westbarnes.library@merton.gov.uk.

New Events

During the month of November West Barnes Library will be commemorating the two world wars with photographs, maps, books and stories. Everyone is welcome to visit the library and take a look at our open display.

Ancestry Online Support

Friday 9th November 2-4pm

Booking essential, limited places

Friends of West Barnes Library WW2**Author Talk 2.30pm****Saturday 10th November**

Pippa Beecheno discusses her WW2 book *A Thin Sheet of Glass*, based on a true story, using real letters and personal accounts. A tale of love, courage and mental illness during 1930s Germany.. £1 entry, tea, coffee and biscuits included

One You Merton**Friday 16th November 10-12pm**

Mini health checks and health advice

Local History Talk**World War 1: Forget-me-Not**

Talk by Michael Norman Smith

Tuesday 20th November 10.30 - 12pm.

Free refreshments provided, no need to book

Police Surgery

Friday 30th November, 1-2pm

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for all contributions and advertisements is the 10th of the month preceding publication.

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Meetings are free to attend, and everyone is welcome including patients, friends and relatives, and those who are looking after someone with cancer. If you are a carer, the drop-in can give you a chance

to take a short break and relax with a cup of tea and have a chat with our friendly volunteers.

Please, come and join us at the Social Centre Lounge, Wimbledon Guild, 30/32 Worple Road, Wimbledon SW19 4EF. Or contact one of our volunteers using the details above.

We try to answer all calls between 9am and 9pm, 7 days a week: If we miss your call, please leave a message. All our volunteers receive training from Macmillan Cancer Support and anything you share with us is kept in strict confidence.

Welcome to our newsletter for Autumn 2018.

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Julia Jones was the speaker for our October meeting giving an enthusiastic talk entitled **'Travels in Iceland'**.

Julia has been travelling to Iceland for many years, originally for a holiday break but as her love and knowledge of the landscape and the hardy, resilient and hardworking people grew, eventually becoming a travel adviser and exploratory holiday break adviser.

Obviously cold and dark in the winter, during the long light summer days the average temperature approaches 20C. Certainly, she described a lot to see, with geysers and thermal hot springs, evidence of the periodic volcanic activity (I think we all remember the volcanic dust cloud affecting aircraft flights), waterfalls and lakes, interesting walks, pretty, small towns and villages; trolls, a herring fishing museum, and glaciers - one leading to a lake with floating icebergs. With a very small resident population, there are far more visitors and casual workers than locals during the holiday season. The fishing industry has contracted. Never theless. the sheep have kept on producing a very fine wool which the ladies make into superb warm garments.

At our November meeting on November 15th {1.30 pm at St Saviour's Church Hall), Michael Grimshaw's topic is **'Wildlife in Zimbabwe'**.

For further details of this meeting or of our many social activities please get in touch.

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ASSOCIATION OPEN AFTERNOON



On 29th September, the Residents' Association held its very first OPEN AFTERNOON for members. This initiative was suggested by Clare and John Townsend (Minutes Secretary and Treasurer respectively) to introduce members and Pavilion users to some of the officers of the Association who run it and the Pavilion.

This social occasion proved to be a very popular and enjoyable and was well attended. These are just some of the comments we received:

- "It would be nice to see a list of pavilion events in the Guide, like St. Saviour's have in their parish magazine." and we hope to have more from time to time in future months.
- "Pleasant introduction to being a member".
- A pity that apart from the Guide, there was no leaflet of the various available activities, but it was a very friendly warm welcome".
- "I think the afternoon was a great success. Would be very popular if run again".

- "This is my first visit – it's very tucked away but I would come again".
- "If you put leaflets in libraries and other places more people would come"
- "Thanks for a lovely afternoon, I'm going to become a member.

Everyone was entertained to a lovely tea of sandwiches, scones and cream, cakes and tea or coffee to order, and most people stayed until the end, rather than simply popping in and out.

Many thanks to everyone who came or took part. We all had a great time!

Jill Truman



RESIDENTS' PAVILION CLUB RAISES FUNDS FOR McMILLAN CANCER CARE

Members of the Pavilion Club gave generously at their meeting on 27th September at a special afternoon tea to raise funds for McMillan. They enjoyed a fabulous afternoon tea, and then dug deep into their pockets to buy home-made cakes and marmalade. They also provided very generous gifts for their weekly raffle, the proceeds of which were also being donated to the charity, raising a total of more than £270.00.

Jill Truman
Club Chairman



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Raynes Park Residents' Association

PAVILION SOCIAL CLUB

The Pavilion Social Club is a social and activity club for residents in the area. The club was established in March 2014 and has been very successful, growing steadily in numbers. We hold weekly get-togethers for men and women. Our club offers an exciting programme of activities including occasional guest speakers, theatre trips, lunches and visits to places of interest in both London and the South East but our main focus is on developing and encouraging social links and also on enjoying friendships new and old. You will always receive a warm welcome!

INTERESTED?

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(The old Raynes Park Residents' Tennis Club)

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

Light refreshments are available with thanks to Waitrose - Raynes Park, and local residents for their generous donations through the Community Matters scheme

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