

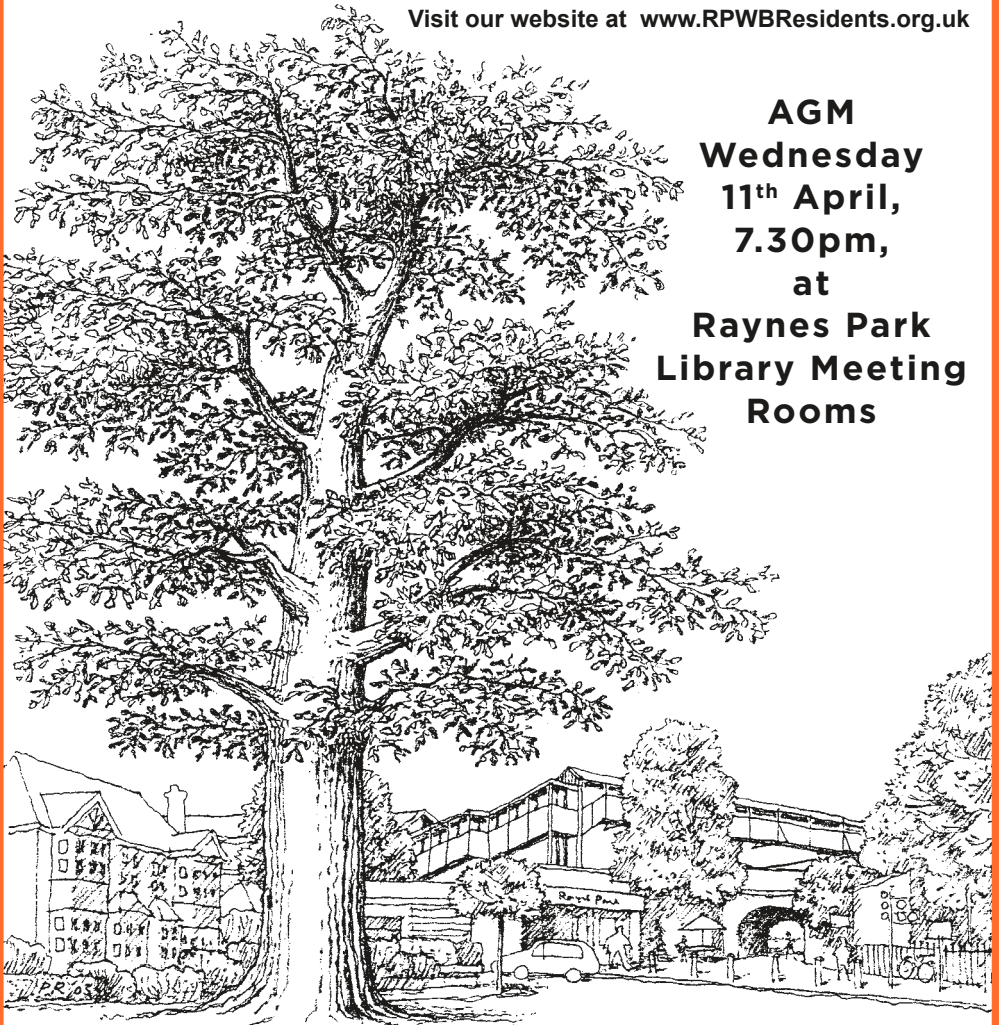
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April 2018

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# CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

## HOUSEBUILDING TARGETS IN MERTON

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has set new annual housebuilding targets for Merton, which are one of the largest increases in London. He expects the number of new homes to be built every year in the borough to increase from 411 to 1,328, i.e. 13,280 over the next ten years. 65 per cent of these will need to be "affordable".

He states that London needs to build 66,000 new homes every year to meet the growing need.

Merton Council's local plan wants more land to be released for new housing, with more blocks of flats, and increased density.

In my view, we have done more than our fair share in this area in the last ten years to increase the number of homes. We have had major developments of flats on the site of St Catherine's School off Grand Drive. Further down Grand Drive more flats and townhouses were built on the former sports fields of LESSA and Sun Alliance. More flats were built in the Waitrose development in the heart of Raynes Park.

These hundreds of new dwellings were built with minimal contributions by the developers to the cost of the infrastructure necessary to

serve these new residents, despite the increased demand on future population growth, on the health service, schooling, and road traffic.

More were due to be built on the Rainbow Industrial site next to Raynes Park station, but this area now appears to be earmarked as a necessary part of the CrossRail II proposals.

While everyone can agree on the need for more starter homes for younger people, what is depressing is that all the emphasis from the authorities is on building on green areas ( which is much easier and more profitable for the developers) and not in identifying and using the many brownfield sites that exist everywhere. Nor is any housing authority putting emphasis on converting vacant properties over shops, or turning redundant shops into housing.

## STREET CLEANING

A resident of Cannon Hill Lane complained to me that her road has not been swept, she believes, since Veolia took over the contract of street cleaning and rubbish collection last April. She also pointed to a large pile of rubbish on the verge which has not been removed despite complaints from her to the Council, and complaints by the local councillors. Everywhere one sees uncollected litter and rubbish bins that are overflowing.

It is for the Council to specify to the contractors the frequency with which they must sweep the streets, and empty the bins, and to ensure that this happens. It is clear that they have failed to do so.

The Council's present intention is to move in October this year from weekly to fortnightly collections of landfill rubbish and recycling. The problem of littering will be bound to get even worse.

Residents can themselves help by ensuring that items in the recycling bins are weighted down with bottles or heavier items, so that they cannot blow into the street.

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Association is being held at Raynes Park Library on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7.30. Do come along and have your say on the area and how you think we can help improve it.

We will also have the opportunity to hear from Ruth Whitehead on the work of the Paddock Horticultural Society, on the edge of Cannon Hill Common, which is one of the great success stories in the Borough.

There's also the chance to chat over a glass or two of wine, and some nibbles. Do come along. You will be made very welcome.

**John Elvidge**



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?

Do join us on Thursday afternoons at  
**THE PAVILION, 129 GRAND DRIVE,  
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(The old Raynes Park Residents'  
Tennis Club)

from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

There is an annual membership fee of  
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### EVERYONE WELCOME!

Light refreshments are available with  
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# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RAYNES PARK & WEST BARNES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 AT  
RAYNES PARK LIBRARY

## **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman welcomed twenty-six residents to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

At one juncture in the evening, all those present were invited to introduce themselves and to say a few words about their local interests if they so wished. This helped to break down barriers and to establish a very sociable atmosphere throughout the meeting.

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

These were published in the April 2017 issue of the guide and were approved by those present.

## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

John Elvidge prefaced his report with a heartfelt tribute to the late Jan Bailey who had dedicated thirty years to the work of the association. He spoke of her outstanding contribution to the RPWBRA, her knowledge of local planning

proposals, flooding issues and traffic schemes, her energy, her commitment and her enthusiasm.

The Chairman then outlined plans to hold a tea party later in the year to celebrate her life. The Chairman together with Gordon Stratford (Jan's partner) plus Jill Truman, Andrew and Mette Barwick, David and Philomena Freeman and Pamela Robinson planted a tree in her memory.

The chairman gave special thanks to Jill Truman for her invaluable work and pointed out that, following Jan's untimely death, she had for several months undertaken a vast workload as editor of the Guide, sole secretary of the RPWBRA and advertising manager.

Fortunately, the enterprising Dick Coleman then took on the role of advertising manager, lightening Jill's workload and gaining additional revenue for the association. John thanked Dick for taking on this responsibility.

The Chairman extended his gratitude to John Townsend for his thorough and conscientious work as treasurer, work which is ever-growing as the Pavilion develops.

John praised his "great aplomb and good humour" in dealing with the finances.

The Chairman was also very appreciative of the Guide distribution work spearheaded so successfully



by Andrew Barwick, Distribution Manager, supported by George Holder and Dick Coleman and carried out by an amazing army of dedicated area coordinators and road stewards.

The Chairman praised Charles Briscoe-Smith (webmaster) and Jerry Cuthbert for ensuring wider communication with the local population through the website.

He also congratulated Jerry for the growth of the Pavilion and was appreciative of the work being done by the Pavilion Management Group comprising Jerry Cuthbert (Chair) John Townsend (Treasurer), Moira Deveson, Linda Fitch, David Freeman, Chris Lorimer, Tina Lorimer and Howard Phillips.

The Chairman noted the huge amount of work done by Jerry, David Freeman and Rachel Skinner in respect of local and planning issues and he also thanked David Rush for taking on some aspects of Jan's work. He also thanked the local councillors namely, Mary-Jane Jeanes, Gilli Lewis-Lavender and Brian Lewis -Lavender for their continuing support and campaigning on behalf of the local residents.

Special mention was made of the Pavilion Social Club organised by Jill Truman and Andrea Hannon as an outstanding example of community involvement.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

John Townsend presented the report

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for 2016/17 and thanked Brian Lewis-Lavender for auditing the accounts.

He was pleased to inform those present that the RPWBRA finances were in a healthy state and that, as planned, there was now an additional account for the Pavilion, making it easier to follow and scrutinize the various transactions.

He recommended that subscriptions should remain at the current rate of £3 per annum.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

John Elvidge vacated the Chair which was taken by Jill Truman.

There were no new nominations and in response to Jill's proposal, seconded by Professor Garry Hunt, John Elvidge agreed to continue as Chairman for the coming year.

The remaining members of the committee were then re-elected en-masse for the coming year by general approval.

## **INVITED SPEAKER - CHANGE**

Although there was some initial disappointment that the billed speaker, Tim Hamilton (Director of Communications Epsom & St Helier Trust) was unable to attend, Jill Truman was delighted to introduce, at very short notice, two members of the

local Police Team. This proved to be a very popular choice.

Topics covered included:

***the vital importance of visible home security alarms – burglars do not like dogs or alarms***

***the need to ensure that valuables are not left in bedrooms or hall cupboards as burglars often target these first***

***the current popularity of gold and other expensive jewellery items rather than, for instance, i-pods***

***the need to ensure basic precautions are in place – many burglaries are opportunistic and are accessed through unlocked windows and back doors.***

***Merton is, in fact, a relatively peaceful place to live!***

Following their well-presented and interesting talk the officers engaged in general discussion with those present. The Chairman then thanked Chris and Nick for their informative presentation.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Various planning and local issues plus possible developments such as Crossrail2 were discussed. The Secretary assured those present that the committee would keep abreast of these matters and would continue to ensure that The Guide reflected the views and concerns of local residents,

campaigning where appropriate.

On behalf of the association, Jill Truman offered condolences to the family of the late, much-loved Margaret Pye who had worked hard for the RPWBRA for many years, with special emphasis on environmental issues.

Andrew Barwick drew attention to the retirement of Pat Beynon, a dedicated road steward for fifteen years (Southway). It was agreed that she should be awarded Honorary Life Membership.

**The meeting finished at 9.50pm.  
The Chairman thanked everyone  
for their contributions to an  
informative and friendly meeting.**



## Editor's Blog

### St Saviour's May Fair – Monday 7th May 2018

St Saviour's May Fair will be held this year on Bank Holiday Monday **7th May from 12 noon to 3pm**. This annual event gives St Saviour's the opportunity to welcome local residents, as well as those from further afield, to the church in Grand Drive. As usual there will be a BBQ and other refreshments plus the crowning of the May Queen, Maypole Dancing and a Balloon Race. A wide variety of games and side shows will be there plus numerous other stalls and a grand draw. Admission is FREE.

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## Heathrow Airport Public Consultation

There was a Heathrow Extension roadshow travelling around London and the home counties, promoting the current public consultation. I attended the event at the Antoinette Hotel, Wimbledon Broadway, on 22 February 2018. There are two concurrent consultations, both triggered by the planned third runway, "Airport Expansion" and "Airspace Principles". Whilst one might hold opinions about the third runway and its impacts, my primary reason for attending concerned Raynes Park and any potential change to the existing flight paths, in and out of Heathrow. Hence, this note focuses on the information provided for the Airspace Principles consultation.

Information is available at <https://www.heathrowconsultation.com/>. The consultation closed on 28 March 2018.

The public opinions being sought are to do with establishing airspace design principles. For example,

- How take-off routes might be modified (e.g. over green space or urban areas)
- Options for the resulting noise impact being spread or concentrated.
- The effect alternative routes might have on emissions
- Making use of new aircraft and traffic control technology
- Night flights

Because these are "design principles" rather than "design development", it seems to me it is premature at this stage to expect information to be available about how flight paths might be affected by the third runway.

However, I learnt that Heathrow Air Traffic Control takes over from NATS (formerly National Air Traffic Services) at 11,000 ft. So Heathrow is responsible for take-offs and landings and NATS for the incoming "stacks".

There is information available on the Heathrow website on existing flight paths. This is summarised below, together with my own comments concerning the how third runway might affect Raynes Park.

### Arrivals stacks.

There are four arrivals stacks which are the responsibility of NATS, two to the north of London and two to the south. These have remained in the same locations since they were first started in the 1960's. Although Heathrow controls the arrivals routes from the bottom of each stack, the landing routes into Heathrow are therefore determined by the location of the NATS stacks.

RPWBRA members have probably observed planes travelling in a northerly direction to the east of Raynes Park, before turning for their final approach to Heathrow. This is because Raynes Park is located just to the west of the point where the landing routes converge from the

bottoms of the two southern stacks, located over Ockham and Biggin.

### **Westwards take-off routes.**

The take-off corridors towards the west from Heathrow do not affect Raynes Park.

### **Eastwards take-off routes.**

Raynes Park is on the southern edge of the eastward take-off corridor for planes heading towards destinations to the southeast. Wimbledon Village and Wimbledon Common are thus closer to this route than Raynes Park.

Heathrow publishes a calendar of when the Eastwards and Westwards corridors are scheduled to be used.

### **Conclusions**

My conclusion is that, with the advent of the third runway, the impact of aircraft noise on Raynes Park might not change significantly, unless either:

- The locations of the NATS stacks were to be altered in some way. (However, this is not the subject of the current consultation), or
- The Southeast take-off corridor was to be altered significantly.

**Jerry Cuthbert 19/03/2018**



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## ***Notes from the*** **RAYNES PARK ASSOCIATION**

### **Recycling bins at north end of the Skew Arch**

At the last Raynes Park Civic Forum there was a presentation about the possible removal of the recycling bins at the north end of the skew arch. In this proposal Network Rail would gift a small area of land to create a small open area similar to the one at the south end of the arch. There was considerable support for this at the meeting and it was suggested that the resident's associations consult their members to establish their views.

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**RECYCLING BIN REMOVAL?**

Do you wish to have the waste bins on the north side of the skew arch removed to facilitate potential improvements to the east of Raynes Park?

Yes / No

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## RAYNES PARK LIBRARY NEWS

### What's on?

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***Tuesday 17 April, Tuesday 15 May, Tuesday 19 June and Tuesday 17 July, 11am-2pm.***

### Ah-Madiyya Muslim Women's Association Monthly Exhibition 2018

Thursday 12 April – Saturday 14 April  
Thursday 17 May – Saturday 19 May  
Thursday 21 June – Saturday 23 June  
More dates to follow

**Kids Craft** - Tuesday 3.00pm – 4pm  
A good time for your kids to get crafty

#### Drop-In Police Surgery

Monday 23 April 10am-11am  
Tuesday 29 May 10am-11am  
Monday 18 June 12pm-1pm

### Regular Events

#### Free IT Support

Computer Courses – Booking Required  
Fridays 2-4pm

#### IT Support Drop-In Sessions (No booking required)

Monday 10am-12pm & 3-5pm  
Tuesday 9.30am-11am & 12-1pm & 2-4pm  
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Fridays 10am-12pm & 2-3pm  
(term time only)

#### Stories for Children (term time only)

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Monday 10.30am-11am—stories and rhymes  
Tuesday 11am-11.30am—story time  
Thursday 10.30am-11am—stories and rhymes  
Fridays 10.30am-11.30am—stories and art



**Chess Club**—Monday 12pm-2pm (adults) and Saturdays 1.30pm-2.30pm fortnightly (adults and children)  
If you fancy brushing up on your tactics or learning to play from scratch why not join us in Raynes Park Library for a game of Chess?  
All abilities are welcome.

**One to One Reading** – Please speak to staff for more information. For Children aged 5-11 years (term time only) .Booking essential

**Jewellery Making**-Monday 2pm-4pm  
Come along and make your own jewellery. There is a small charge for materials.

**Needlework and Natter**-  
Monday 2.30pm-3.50pm fortnightly  
Why not join our fun and friendly craft club for adults here at Raynes Park Library? Share your ideas, swap tips and tricks and enjoy a good natter. Beginners are welcome. Please bring basic materials and resources.

**Falun Dafa**—Monday 5.10pm-6.40pm  
Falun Dafa is a traditional Chinese practice to improve mind and body.

**Write Afresh**-Tuesday 12.30-2.30pm  
This is a creative writing group. All adults are welcome.

**Mantra Singing**-Thursday 2.45pm-3.45pm  
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The idea is to find in your own voice a tool for well-being and self-healing

**Yoga Classes** - Thursday 5.30-6.30pm  
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**Homework Club**- Friday 4.30pm-6.30pm (term time only)  
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## **Regular Activities Raynes Park Library Hall**

### **Izzys**

**Monday's, 9.45am – 10.45am**

Rhyme Time and Storytelling session  
£2.50 each child  
Term time only

### **Pilates**

**Monday's, 11am – 12pm**

Pilates matwork class, bring your own mat and water  
Pre-registration required  
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### **Italian Playgroup**

**Monday's, 4pm – 5pm**

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### **Jiggle & Jam**

**Tuesday's & Thursday's, 9.30am – 11.30am**

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### **SEN Karate**

**Tuesday's, 5pm – 6.30pm**

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## **The Bridge Children's Centre**

**9.30am – 10.30am**

**Friday's, 11am – 12pm**

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## News from the Friends of West Barnes Library

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### Friends of West Barnes Library

#### Volunteers needed

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#### What's on?

*Coming up at West Barnes Library*  
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#### **NEW Open Community Coffee Afternoon**

(3rd Thursday of the month, 1.30-3pm)  
Everyone welcome

#### **NEW Police Surgery**

(Every Friday 3 - 4pm)

Drop in to discuss any issues or concerns with your local police

#### **Bring & Buy Sale coming soon...**

Customers can reserve a table for just £5 to sell their unwanted children's toys and clothes at boot sale prices! Please register your interest with library staff.

#### **Explore Learning – Groovy Grammar**

(Tuesday 3 April, 11am-12pm)

A must for all those struggling with tenses, punctuation and sentence construction. Discover how groovy grammar can be!

For ages 7-8 years. Booking essential

#### **Action on Hearing Loss Stand**

(Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> 10 -11am)

Are coming West Barnes Library to keep you informed and connected about hearing loss, deafness and tinnitus. Come to our free information event to find out about:

- ▶ the support you're entitled to
- ▶ equipment to help you hear better
- ▶ different ways to tackle your tinnitus

▶ helpful communication tips  
**FREE HEARING CHECKS ALSO AVAILABLE!**

#### **Explore Learning – Times Tables Junior**

(Thursday 12 April, 11am-12pm)

We'll look at the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 Times tables in the Junior class, and work with the 6, 7, 8 and 9s in the

Senior class. You'll be better than a calculator in no time!  
For ages 6-8 years. Booking essential

### **Spring Kids Craft**

(Friday 13 April) 3-4pm  
FREE No booking required

## **Regular Events**

### **Computer Classes for Beginners**

(Mondays 1-2pm) Booking essential

### **Reading out Loud**

(Mondays, 4pm – 5.30pm) 1:1 reading sessions for children aged 6+ (term time only) Booking essential

### **Scrabble Club** (Monday's 5-6pm)

Come and join us every Monday from 5-6pm. All ages and abilities welcome! No booking required

### **History Talk: The Work of the Living Wandle Landscape Partnership (Kelvin Shewry & Rebecca Watts)**

Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30 – 12pm

### **Kiddirama for the Under 5's**

10-11am (term time only)  
Tuesdays are jam-packed with story, drama, songs, movement and games. Whip up a horrible stew with Witchy Woo or go on an animal adventure with Laura the Explorer. Join us on many wonderful weekly adventures! For more information visit [www.kiddirama.com](http://www.kiddirama.com); email [kiddirama@mail.com](mailto:kiddirama@mail.com) or text 07542 170604. £1.50 per child

### **Rendezvous Club**

(Tuesdays, 1.30pm-3.30pm)  
Weekly club for over 55s. £2  
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### **Knit & Natter**

(Thursdays, 11am-1pm)  
Bring your own knitting or crochet. Free tea or coffee provided.  
THIS YEAR WE KNITTED OUTFITS FOR THE "FISH & CHIPS" BABIES IN AFRICA, HATS AND SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TWIDDLE MUFFS FOR DEMENTIA SUFFERERS. WE ALSO HELD FOUR SALES AND RAISED AND DONATED OVER £290 FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES:  
Hemi Help  
Cinnamon Trust  
Merton Independent Living  
Wimbledon Friendship Group  
Hydon Hill Cheshire Home  
Friends of West Barnes Library

### **Falun Dafa**

(Thursday's 5.30-6.30pm)  
This is a traditional Chinese qigong meditation practice to improve mind and body, with simple, easy to learn exercises for all ages and abilities. Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is an advanced practice of Buddha school self-cultivation, founded by Li Hongzhi. It is a discipline in which 'assimilation to the highest qualities of the universe- Zhen, Shan, Ren (Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance) is the foundation of practice.' No booking required.

**FABULOUS FRIDAYS:** Term time only  
**Make Move & Melody Time** (Fridays, 10am – 10.45am) Go wild on Fridays as we tell stories, sing familiar rhymes and songs, move along to the rhythm of e.g. marching ants, stomping zebras, tickly teddy bears or get crafty making, creating, drawing and more... **Book Time** After 'Make Move & Melody Time' come and join us whilst we read, play, chat, chill and choose from a wide range of books! *Suitable for 18 months – 5 year olds but babies are welcome*

**Rock Rhyme & Rhythm Time** (Fridays 11am – 11.45am)  
 Have fun on Fridays as we go on a journey singing, rhyming, rocking and moving along to the sound of e.g. splashing waves, swishing grass... Feel the rhythm of stomping animals, clacking insects and more... **Book Time** After 'Rock Rhyme & Rhythm' come and join us whilst we read, play, chat, chill and choose from a wide range of books! *Suitable for babies 0 – 18 months but older children are welcome*

**Colour & Chat**  
 Every Saturday 2-4pm  
 Relax, unwind and join the new colouring craze!

**Kids Knit & Natter**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month 12.30-2pm  
 Learn to knit  
 For children, adults welcome

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### THE PAVILION SOCIAL CLUB SUMMER COACH TRIPS

**LOSELEY PARK, GUILDFORD**  
 MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018

Cost includes a Guided Tour of the Manor House, Coach and driver's tip £18.50  
 A packed lunch is recommended as catering facilities may be busy.

Pick-up times:

Motspur Park	9.30a.m.
Raynes Park	9.40a.m.
Greenway/Grand Drive	9.50a.m.

To book or for further information  
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Future dates for the diary are:

**BRIGHTON**  
 MONDAY 2nd JULY 2018

Cost to include the Driver's Tip £12.00

**EASTBOURNE**  
 MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018  
 Cost to include the Driver's Tip £13.00

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## RAYNES PARK HIGH SCHOOL



On 16th March Raynes Park High School became the first state school to be an accredited Tim Henman Foundation/BECSLink Community. Tim Henman OBE was joined by the Mayor of Merton, Councillor Marsie Skeete and Crista Cullen MBE, Olympic gold medal field hockey player.

The school is working alongside national and local Merton businesses, education charities, and sports and arts organisations to provide resources and learning opportunities for young people. This offers students and teachers not only from the

school, but also other local schools the opportunity to develop new skills. On 16th March, schoolchildren from other Merton schools visited Raynes Park High School to participate in a range of activities, including music workshops with Tenors Unlimited, the international operatic trio, Pi-Top computer workshop, a catering challenge and sporting activities. As part of this initiative, the school has been given Tim Henman Scholarships, in association with the Tim Henman Foundation, for talented youngsters prevented from pursuing their talents due to a lack of financial means.

Tim Henman, OBE, retired tennis champion "It's great to be back in the region, as I went to school at Reeds and attended the David Lloyd Centre.



L-R: Crista Cullen, Lady Wimbledon, Kristen Heard, Mayor of Merton, Tim Henman



This day is all about the children – it's wonderful to see their enthusiasm in such a range of activities. I like to think they can achieve great things in the future. It's important for youngsters to seize every opportunity and I'm pleased through my Foundation to give back in such a wonderful way in association with not only the scholarships but also in supporting further enrichment programmes with Raynes Park High School in the areas of science, technology, engineering and Maths, computer coding, through sport and helping the growth of a community tennis programme."

Crista Cullen, MBE, Olympic gold medal field hockey player: "It's great to see the children engaging in a realm of different things from singing to tennis. It's all part of creating well rounded individuals and giving opportunities to children who wouldn't otherwise have them."

Mayor of Merton "It's a beautiful day and wonderful to see the smiles on children's faces when they saw Tim Henman on the tennis courts showing them how to stand and so on. The children sang beautifully and I like the way the local community engaged with the whole day's activities."



## CLOSING DATE

for all contributions and advertisements is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND OPEN MEETINGS

#### April

Wednesday 11th **AGM** 7.30pm Raynes Park Library Hall

#### May

Tuesday 8th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

#### June

Wednesday 13th - **OPEN MEETING** 7.30pm Blossom House

**Saturday 30th - A Summer Celebration**

#### July

Tuesday 10th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

#### August

NO MEETING

#### September

Tuesday 11th - **OPEN MEETING** 7.30pm Pavilion

#### October

Tuesday 9th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

**90th Anniversary Dinner TBC**

#### November

Tuesday 13th - Committee 8.00pm Pavilion

#### December

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

## RAYNES PARK FORUM

June Thursday 14th - **7.15pm Library Hall**

September Tuesday 18th - **7.15pm Library Hall**

December Thursday 6th - **7.15pm Library Hall**



## 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.

## HOSPITAL PAY AWARD WELL DESERVED!

I have always considered that I've lived a largely charmed life in that apart from elective 'ops' I have never been really ill or had to go into hospital. That changed last month when I was sent with blue lights flashing and hee-haws blasting into Kingston Hospital. Multiple infections had affected my 'ticker'. I was first in Resuss, then Acute Assessment and finally the Cardiac ward.

On my first day on Bronte a letter was delivered to each bed pleading for our understanding if things were a bit chaotic, but - as in January the Hospital was struggling to cope with the numbers coming in.

Despite this, I cannot fault the treatment I received. It was superlative, with the staff always caring, helpful and very kind notwithstanding numerous problems, from patients stopping breathing, to someone who fell, to another who was temporarily deranged, all in one night.

Amazingly, the food was excellent! From having starved for because I had

no appetite (or inclination to live some of the time), I became hungry!

The 6-bedded bay I was in is old-fashioned by modern standards, but it was large and airy with plenty of room between beds, and It was kept spotlessly clean with fresh linen and towels supplied daily.

The Staff, particularly on the AAU, worked so hard in very difficult circumstances. Sometimes it was bedlam, and so I for one, heaved a sigh of relief on being discharged, to hear the news that the Government has at last awarded at least 6% pay rises to nursing and auxiliary staff (spread over 3 years); with the lowest paid getting 29%. Hooray. It is more than well deserved!

**Jill Truman**

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## RAYNES PARK AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

***"Leading women forward"***

A large group of members met to enjoy lunch at the Lime and Thyme Restaurant in Raynes Park, and the following week a group of 9 ladies visited Bourne Hall in Ewell. The upstairs museum documenting local history and development, featuring well known Epsom and Ewell historic personalities and, of course, the Race Course and Derby, proved fascinating. As a bonus, downstairs was an equally fascinating temporary display featuring pictures of the 1953 Coronation Celebrations. After this, we welcomed tea, light lunch and a sit outside in the sun in the gardens!

At our monthly meeting in St Saviour's Church Hall our speaker was Peter Smith whose talk was entitled 'Living in a Lighthouse'. Peter told us that practically every male member of the family for generations had been lighthouse keepers. If not they were lifeboat crew members or strongly connected to the lifeboat organisation. Peter himself spent his childhood in various lighthouses, a short while at Whitby, but mainly on the many Cornish lights. With pictures of the periodic delivery of supplies, fishing off the rocks, and the lighthouse completely enveloped in spray and water in rough weather, our Chairman asked how they were constructed. Apparently, it takes

many years – a survey of the rock into which granite foundation stones, hewn by stonemasons to fit exactly are placed. Similarly, each of the walls is hewn by stonemasons with stones to fit exactly. No mortar is used. The last piece added at the top locks the construction solid.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall at 1.30 for 1.45 pm will be on Thursday, 19th April. The speaker will be Claire Nethersole from Merton Age Concern. Visitors or new members are always welcome to our small but friendly group.

***Dorothy Raymond***



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