

## **HORNSEY PENSIONERS**

[www.hornseypag.org.uk](http://www.hornseypag.org.uk)

Hornsey Pensioners Action Group serves pensioners within Hornsey & Wood Green and other neighbouring parliamentary constituencies

Happy New Year! But do keep safe -

# **Police Advice**

**Anna-Marie Game**, Muswell Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team

# **Fire Safety**

**Green Watch**, Hornsey Fire Station  
(we can look inside the fire engine!)

**Time and date: WEDNESDAY January 17th 2018**

**at 1.30pm**

**Venue: Hornsey Parish Church Hall,  
Cranley Gardens, N10 3AH**

*Doors open from 1pm.*

*Entrance on Cranley Gardens through car park.*

*Buses W7 W3 144 stop nearby.*

Note that subscriptions are due. The HPAG membership subscription is now £8 for single members and £12 for joint household members and donations are welcome!

Please pay membership secretary Ann Anderson at a meeting or post to her at 117 Redston Road London N8 7HG.

**Contacts:** Ann Anderson 020 8340 8335,  
Pamela Jefferys 020 8444 0732 & Janet Shapiro  
020 8883 9571 [janet.rmshapiro@gmail.com](mailto:janet.rmshapiro@gmail.com)

**Future 2018 meetings:** Feb. 21st Adult  
learning,  
March 21st, April 18th tba.

## Our December 13th meeting was a party!

We began with lunch- Barbara put on a magnificent spread.

We were entertained by the **Hornsey Trio** playing folk, blues and jazz standards.

The performers were Stuart Vezey, voice & guitar, Michel Petheram on guitar and Clive Evers on clarinet & alto saxophone.



The trio brought their own sound system.



The repertoire and sound quality was great!

Everyone enjoyed both the lunch and the Hornsey Trio!





The music was so good, that many of us could not resist dancing.

98 year old Fred Howe put his sister Janet through her paces, and Sylvia, Ann and Viv joined in.

After the trio Maria Babington came to quiz us on Food and Drink. There was a tie between two of the competing tables. Maria quickly resolved this with a tie break question. She was then enlisted to help with the raffle.



## Osborne Grove Nursing Home

Haringey Cabinet met on Tuesday December 12th. On the agenda was a report back on the consultation on the proposed closure of Osborne Grove Nursing Home. This is the only council owned home in Haringey and Hornsey Pensioners have written twice to the council asking that it be kept open.

Led by Gordon Peters, 12 residents signed a request to make a presentation at the meeting. Four of us attended in the chamber to put our case that was an explanation as to why the home was too good a resource to lose. Suggestions were made as to how the home could have supplementary uses that would benefit Haringey residents without putting undue strain on council funds that are under severe stress because of government cuts.

The union representing the staff working at the home presented their case before us. They could report what residents and relatives thought and feared about the proposed closure.

Find the council report online at the Haringey website, <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/> Search under 'Local democracy', select 'Meetings calendar', find Cabinet 6.30pm on Tuesday 12th December, then open the pdf file for the Agenda Reports pack. Refer to pages 63-125 on the consultation. You will find that there were very few responses, but the majority were against closure.

**It is likely that a firm decision could be made at the Cabinet meeting on January 16th. Please approach cabinet members to get support for keeping Osborne Grove Nursing Home.**

Gordon Peters' presentation can be downloaded from our website [www.hornseypag.org.uk](http://www.hornseypag.org.uk) on the page announcing the January 17th meeting.

**Do not miss the consultation on Respite Care. See over.**

## Respite Care

Haringey Council is consulting on Respite Care. Many of our group are or have been carers and know how important it is to have good respite care.

### Deadline 16th Jan 2018

Visit the Haringey website to find a copy of the policy and the consultation.

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/social-care-policy-and-practice/adults-social-care-current-consultations/respite-policy-consultation>

Unfortunately we have missed drop-in sessions in November and December.

**But do examine the policy and respond to the consultation.**

To enquire or respond:

Email [respitconsultation@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:respitconsultation@haringey.gov.uk)

Write to : Adult Transformation Team, 8th Floor, River Park House, Wood Green N22 8HQ

Hornsey Pensioners Action Group will make a response, but responses from individuals carry weight.

## New Year Resolution!

### Help your group

- Come forward if you want to be on our committee before the AGM in February. We need people with all sorts of skills as we take on a wide variety of campaigns on behalf of older people.
- At meetings we need help to prepare the room and with refreshments etc.— somebody has to do the washing up!
- Some members find it difficult to get to meetings or would appreciate a visit. Help if you can.
- We need a delegate to London Region NPC to attend Regional meetings (4 each year) held near Euston, and members of HPAG can stand to be on the Executive Committee of the LR NPC.
- Who is computer savvy? Help is always appreciated in the production of our newsletters.

### Campaigns update

#### The Mayor of London's Draft Housing Strategy.

The group response was submitted in time. This response and the one made by London Region National Pensioners Convention (NPC) can be found on our website on the page announcing the December meeting.

**Regular Briefings** are published by the NPC. If you want to receive these by email contact [info@npcuk.org](mailto:info@npcuk.org). Or ask Janet for copies.

#### Advance notice: 'WHO CARES ABOUT CARE?'

**Monday April 9th** 2018, 10 - 3.30pm. SERTUC Pensioners Network Annual Seminar at TUC Congress House, 23-28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

**HPAG will be there**, but individuals please register at [sertuc@tuc.org.uk](mailto:sertuc@tuc.org.uk) 020 7467 1220

The **Pensioners' Parliament** will be at Blackpool 12 – 14 June 2018. Registration cost is £10 for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Some groups are organising group travel and hotel stay.

### Leisure

**Friday Jan 26th Cinema Club for the Over 50's** at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre, price £4.90 including refreshments. The film is about Barack Obama's last year in office as US president. Contact [info@hfop.org.uk](mailto:info@hfop.org.uk) or call 0208 341 2238.

**Friday Feb 2nd Michael Rosen** speaking 2-3pm about his memoirs (much of it local) at Muswell Hill Library, Queens Ave. N10 3PE.

**Lunches** are held monthly at Jacksons Lane on last Thursday of each month from 11.45am-2.30pm. Book in advance: telephone -020 8347 2411 Stuart Cox Participation Manager, 269a Archway Road, London,

N6 5AA [stuart@jacksonslane.org.uk](mailto:stuart@jacksonslane.org.uk)

**Community Lunch Club** for over 50s at Hornsey Vale Community Centre, usually 1st Wednesday of the month from 1 to 3pm. Booking needed with Tanya 020 8348 4612 or email [info@hornseyvale.org](mailto:info@hornseyvale.org) (ring Tues—Wed.)

**Coffee and Computers:** sessions near you, informal help and advice - browsing the internet or sending emails. Contact Joyce Sullivan on 0208 888 0579 or [joyce.sullivan@publicvoice.london](mailto:joyce.sullivan@publicvoice.london)

**Free computer coaching for the over 60s.** An inter-generational IT project. Contact Leonie Eisenberg, IT Co-ordinator Generation Exchange 0771937811

### Exercise Classes

**Dance for Fun & Fitness** for over 50s. Tuesdays 4pm – 5.30pm. Drop in per class £6 including refreshments (5 classes £25) at Hornsey Vale Community Centre, 60 Mayfield Rd. N8. Contact Kimberly 07843 216 150

**Fun fitness class for over 55's at Wood Green Library**, on Mondays & Wednesday at 10.15, £3 a class. For more details contact Kiki on 07903 582883

**West Haringey Seniors Exercise Class** (mixed) with an expert trainer Tuesday 2.15—3.15 £3.50  
Hornsey Vale Community Centre, Mayfield road N8 9LP, contact Ann Anderson 020 8340 8335

**Exercise and Dance to Live Music** for ladies over 60 Tuesday 10.30 to 11.30, £4 at Moravian Church Hall N8 7HR on Priory Road. Contact Ursula Maestranzi 8340 2668

**Candy's Seniors Dance and Fitness class** at YMCA Fitness Centre Elmfield Avenue, Crouch End N8. Thursday 2.05 to 3.05 £3.00