

## HORNSEY PENSIONERS

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

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#### Take care- Avoid infection

- Wash your hands
- Maintain social distancing 2 metres
- Wear a face mask in public places

There is evidence that face coverings **do** reduce the spread of the virus carried by air-borne droplets over distance, whereas hand washing and social distancing reduces infection by contact.

See: <https://www.pnas.org/content/early/2020/06/10/2009637117#sec-5>

**\*Even if social distance is officially reduced, keep safe. It is better to maintain 2 metres especially indoors.**

#### The Governments' Five Tests for Lockdown

##### Easing:

1. Capacity of the NHS
2. Fall in daily deaths
3. Evidence that infection is falling
4. Supply of PPE adequate
5. No risk of second peak in infections.

See more published in Ham & High on June 18<sup>th</sup> - or buy the paper. <https://www.hamhigh.co.uk/janey-shapiro-on-easing-lockdown-1-6704988>

Please sign and promote the petition launched by Cllr Sarah James calling on the **government to fully fund adult social care.**

<http://chnng.it/QLpWbkKrZR>

Sarah, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, Haringey Council, 07976973859 has produced a paper **Work across Adult Social Care – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020** that can be downloaded from the website. Useful contact numbers are:

Haringey Wellbeing Network is continuing to offer a service and can be contacted on **07508 511 128** and a new **Mental Health Crisis Helpline** has been set up by BEH Mental Health Trust (BEHMHT). This is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Phone **0300 0200 500** to get help or advice in a crisis from their trained mental health advisors and clinicians.

#### Government announced measures for easing lockdown in England

(With social distancing maintained at 2 metres until 4th July.)

**From June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Up to 6 people may meet outside. Some phased openings of primary & nursery schools, cultural and sporting events, outdoor markets.

**June 8<sup>th</sup>:** Opening of dental practices.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Single adult households can form a 'support bubble' with one other household.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>:** mandatory wearing of face masks on Public transport, opening of non-essential shops, places of worship for private prayer, year 10/12 pupils tutoring, Zoos, safari parks, open air events.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>:** re-opening of more businesses, personal care (hairdressers), Food service at pubs, and some leisure venues.

Our member, Hilary Farnworth tells us that **Ransackers** have produced a **bumper summer e-newsletter** available online at: [www.ransackersassociation.org](http://www.ransackersassociation.org) on the front page (scroll down). Hilary may have spare paper copies. Let her know if you want one at [hfarnworth@gmail.com](mailto:hfarnworth@gmail.com)

**We need the NHS Reinstatement Bill to be passed to renationalise the NHS.**

**Happy Birthday NHS!**

'What's wrong Pooh?' asked Piglet

"Oh, I'm just wondering why people think the NHS is a charity all of a sudden, when it's Always been a publicly funded health service", replied Pooh.



**Both Pooh and Piglet know that the NHS is funded through national taxation; everyone pays and everyone receives treatment when they need it, resulting in a cost effective and equitable health service - the envy of the world.**

**Note:** Many European countries use insurance schemes that are more costly to the patient and less equitable.

**However** the proportion of GDP spent on the NHS in the UK is much less than other OECD countries and USA, so that we have fewer beds, doctors and nurses per UK resident than similar countries.

### Why is the NHS under threat?

As Ken Loach says : *'The reform of the NHS is, of course to bring it back into the marketplace and degrade it back into making health care a commodity—so it's not reform at all.'*

In 2000, the government wanted to reduce public expenditure (The Treasury Balance Sheet).

Speculators had long wanted NHS contracts, not the expensive services, like critical care, but those more easily delivered, yielding the best profits – 'Cherry picking'.

Privatisation continues to erode and fragment the NHS, but has mostly been screened from public scrutiny.

Even now, during the pandemic, NHS England are increasing central control. More private contracts are being awarded, with privatisation measures that follow a US type model.

### Beware

Through International Law, current Trade Bill negotiations could establish a marketplace NHS and prevent privatisation being reversed.

## OUR NHS DESERVES BETTER

SHARE OUR '2020 VISION' FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE

Covid-19 has exposed what's wrong with healthcare, let's rebuild and go further

#2020VISION  
#REBUILDTHENHS  
#SPIRITOF2020



Nationwide events, NHS anniversary weekend 4th/5th July

### 'Our NHS Deserves Better'.

NHS anniversary weekend - **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. **Keep Our NHS Public (KONP)** and **Health Campaigns Together (HCT)** call for nationwide local events and a **national online rally on Sunday 5th July at 4:30 PM** to say **'Our NHS Deserves Better'**

### Campaigns

Our group will keep a watching brief on:

- Aforementioned threats to the **NHS** - Our rights to decent, adequately funded **social care** services
- Keeping the Over 75's concessionary **TV licence** - Decent basic **state pension** protected by Triple Lock.
- Keeping the **Freedom Pass**, also at peak times when safe.

**We must be vigilant:** We shall be guided by the **National Pensioners Convention**. There is **sample letter** about the **TV licence**: see websites [www.npcuk.org](http://www.npcuk.org) and [www.hornseypag.org.uk](http://www.hornseypag.org.uk) for more information. The committee will write letters as appropriate to those with influence.

## Announcements and information

Stokley Court Council House residents request our support in challenging demolition. [Photos: Vaughan Melzer]



**On Tuesday evening 16 June, Haringey Council's Cabinet listed Stokley Court in Hornsey and Chettle Court in Stroud Green as areas for new housing development, without informing residents beforehand:**

Residents **only** found out about it from **Haringey Defend Council Housing** leaflet. Stokley Court has 47 current residents who have created a blog with more information:

[www.haringeydefendcouncilhousingblog.wordpress.com](http://www.haringeydefendcouncilhousingblog.wordpress.com)

Stokley Court in Hornsey has a good neighbour scheme, good wheel-chair access with spacious rooms, and community facilities such as a laundrette and common room. However efficient the proposed re-development, tenants will be moved out of a happy home, uncertain as to when they could return.



**Please support the tenants by writing to:**

- Cllr Emina Ibrahim, Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal -

[emine.ibrahim@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:emine.ibrahim@haringey.gov.uk)

- Catherine West MP [catherine.west.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:catherine.west.mp@parliament.uk) for Woodside Avenue, Stokley Court and Chettle Court.

- David Lammy MP [mail@davidlammy.co.uk](mailto:mail@davidlammy.co.uk) for Reynardson Court.

- Sign up to support the Charter for Housing Action 2020: <http://www.axethehousingact.org.uk/charter-for-housing-action/>

- Send messages of support for residents at Woodside Avenue, Stokley Court, Chettle Court, and Reynardson Court to us at [haringey\\_dch@outlook.com](mailto:haringey_dch@outlook.com), and we will pass them on to the residents directly.

*Paul Burnham, Secretary,  
Haringey Defend Council Housing 07847 714 158*

**Haringey Circle Handyman & Gardener.** The scheme should be ready in July. To join, send a cheque made payable to **Haringey Circle** –£35 for one annual membership. £60 for two people – i.e. husband & wife living together. Please send cheques to **Haringey Circle, Tottenham Town Hall, Town Hall Approach Road, London, N15 4RX** - To pay by debit card or credit card call **020 3196 1894**. - Or by bank: **Haringey Circle, Sort: 60 83 01 Account: 20421601**. Use a name and contact number as a reference. WE WILL NEED TO KNOW IF SOMEONE PAYS IN ONLINE SO WE CAN SET UP THE MEMBERSHIP! **Paul Kramer** ([hello@haringeycircle.com](mailto:hello@haringeycircle.com))

**Sunshine Gardens.** If you would like to place an order for delivery, please give us a call **Monday to Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm** on **0208 829 8857**

### Are you eating well?

Pamela can recommend frozen meals from **Wiltshire Farm Foods**. These can be delivered regularly as frozen meals, with an extensive menu and reasonable prices. If you order £20's worth each time, delivery is free. They are not cordon bleu but are nicely cooked, nothing wasted. You can order by email at - [northlondon@wiltshirefarmfoods.co.uk](mailto:northlondon@wiltshirefarmfoods.co.uk) and ask them to send you an order form or phone: **01707 372333**.

*Pamela Jefferys*

### Vera Lynn

We'll meet again is a very appropriate song for today, and Vera Lynn's death brings back memories of World War II for those of us who have lived that long. She came across as a very natural, genuine person, also a brave one doing many front line concerts for the troops.

*Pamela Jefferys*

Find her obituary at: <https://www.theguardian.com/music/2020/jun/18/dame-vera-lynn-obituary>

Find more information on [www.hornseypag.org.uk](http://www.hornseypag.org.uk) and for a little light weight relief, watch this film **ESCAPE FROM QUARANTINE.mp4**

## Haringey's historic supported housing which still remain today.

In present day Haringey there are still remains of almshouses built in C18 and C19 in prosperous areas of the time i.e. Highgate and Tottenham. Prosperous individuals began to realise that they could make a difference to the lack of support for the elderly (or ensure their own 'salvation'?) by leaving bequests for the poor, and founding almshouses - a form of supported housing where poor men and women, probably with no families of their own, could feel secure.



### 15-37 Southwood Lane, Highgate

One example is The Wollaston and Pauncefort Almshouse Charity, founded in 1722 by Sir John Wollaston. It is a sheltered housing scheme in the heart of Highgate, which now consists of six one-bedroom flats. Pamela Jefferys says these have been doubled from the original cell like cottages.

### Edmansons Close, Bruce Grove

Past the Bruce Castle Museum, Tottenham and arriving at the top of Bruce Grove, the open courtyard arrangements with gardens of the Draper's Almshouses Edmansons' Close reside. Built in 1869-70 they replaced those at Bow built by the Edmanson Charity. Most were occupied by those from Edmanson's charity for Sailmakers. Today you can apply to live at Edmanson's Close if you are 65 years of age or over, are currently resident in the London Borough of Haringey, or the Bow district of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, have limited financial means, and a real housing need. There remains the Grade 2 listed chapel complete with spire.



A different kind of housing support came from early Council housing. Most new housing was provided by private speculative builders and in Hornsey, as elsewhere these houses were aimed at the emerging lower middle classes. It was the skilled working class that was most directly affected by cyclical slumps in speculative building and the rising cost of housing. The Campsbourne Cottage Estate in Hornsey, north London, is an early example of council housing built following powers granted to municipal authorities by the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890. The first part of the Campsbourne Cottage estate pre-dates the London County Council's better-known cottage estates such as Tower Gardens in Tottenham. In 1896 the Priory estate was sold, of which four and a half acres of land to the west \*of Nightingale Lane, on the southern boundary of Alexandra Palace, was acquired by Hornsey U.D.C. in 1897. By 1899, the council had built 108 cottages in Nightingale Lane and in Northview and Southview Roads. The fourth scheme was completed in 1912.



### Northview Road, Hornsey

It is believed that the dwellings were almost exclusively occupied by men who actually earned their living in the borough – e.g. local police, postmen and municipal employees. It was described as "a colony of self-contained workmen's dwellings unsurpassed in the country. Within a few miles of the heart of London E.J. Lovegrove has succeeded in building a self-contained cottage with a forecourt, garden at the rear and 4 rooms including a bath and every other modern convenience, to let at 6s. 6d. per week inclusive rental".

Towards the end of 1919, the council eventually gave in to pressure and instructed Edwin Lovegrove to draw up plans for 79 more houses to be built on land that had been requisitioned during the war for allotments. However, the housing scheme was never progressed, being dropped on grounds of cost, and the land was bought by the council in 1923 as part of the newly laid out Priory park.

*\*NB This name is confusing as the present day, later built Campsbourne Estate lies to the east of Nightingale Lane.*

*Ann Anderson*

Sources: [Museum.Services@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:Museum.Services@haringey.gov.uk) and Municipal Dreams in Haringey

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