

Hornsey Pensioners Action Group Review for 2020

Committee members: Janet Shapiro, Ann Anderson, Clive Evers, Pamela Jefferys, Lauritz Hansen Bay , Pearl Diver, Susan Harris

Meetings

Jan 22 nd	The Social Care Crisis	Judy Downey, Gordon Peters, Cllr Sarah James
Feb 19th	AGM and Relocation of Moorfields Hospital	Oriel representative
Mar 18	Celebrating the NHS at 70 Cancelled because of Covid Virus Lockdown	Dr. Peter Mitchell

Activities and Events:

Clive liaised with Bridge Renewal Trust for volunteers to help us and we recruited Mia Anderson who now since May completes the production of our Bulletin after we submit the content.

Sarah Harris joined the Committee in March.

Clive and Janet to attend TUC S.E. Pensioners Conference in April and run a stall for HPAG

.Cancelled because of Covid Virus Lockdown

We protested joined by members of the Haringey Over 50s Forum outside the Alexandra Palace BBC TV Tower on July 30th “Don’t Switch us off” was concerning the loss of concessionary TV licences for the over 75s.

Telephone contact during the March lockdown

The committee were concerned about HPAG members not online. The committee with the help of Jackie Goodwin and Kathryn Dean made initial contact with all of the non email members to check that they either had support or information on how to obtain it. Some of us continued giving regular phone chats for many months afterwards.

Monthly Bulletins

These began as 2 sided in April when Ann was printing them at home but with the return to Momento Print we moved to a 4 sided format.

Members contributed with family stories –based on the War years from Pearl Diver, Vaughan Melzer, Janet Shapiro , Phyllis Niemczk. On page 4 we also had articles on Haringey Library History and Haringey’s surviving supported housing. In December the 4th page gave us room for creating a HPAG Christmas card.

The main body of the Bulletins comprised of for instance health warnings , advice on supported shopping, exercises at home and well being workshops, home share arrangements, claiming Pension Credit, protecting older people, scam warnings, how to make masks .

A discussion was held on What can We Do to save the Planet? Other issues raised included saving our cash and bus passes.

List of HPAG articles in the Ham and High

TV licence fee and the future of the BBC by Pearl in March; Easing of Lockdown by Janet in June; Alexandra Palace BBC Protest by Janet in August; Freedom Pass by Janet in November

Ann Anderson January 2021