

Hillfield Park

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THE NEW LICENSING LAWS

So what happened to all that 24 hour licensing then?

Did it go away? Did Blair trade it in for the right to lock up terrorist suspects? No, licensees (or rather the pub owners) are hanging back because no one wants to be first. On the whole they are all happy with existing licensing hours so long as everyone else is. Here in Muswell Hill we can expect the licensee of our local church O'Neills, [see picture] to make an application at some stage for later hours, beyond midnight, on Friday and Saturday. But the owners of O'Neills have other problems at present, centring on a major dispute with the popular manager, Dave Arnott, who is no longer to be seen. His assistant, the resourceful Michelle, is standing in for him and making a better job of it than her dog did last year in the

Hillfield Park Agility Trials (pulled up at the tunnel). Dave's Regional Manager, Mike Breen, has told your editor that he has no present plans for making an application. So that's all we can say as present. But things are happening in another part of the wood. Muswell Hill's oldest pub, the Green Man, has been purchased by a consortium, fronted by one time sporting celebrities, and re-badged The Hill. The plan is to turn it into an expensive restaurant and there is talk of having a regular mini-cab office on the back land. The other night-spots, N10 and Café Loco, continue into the small hours as before.

Sadly Club watch, forum for late night licensees, police and resident representatives (Including your editor), has been disbanded. Pub watch continues, for regular meetings between licensees and police, but resident representatives are not being allowed in, which is a pity.



YOU WAIT AND WAIT AND WAIT AND THEN THREE COME ALONG TOGETHER

It is roughly a year since we said goodbye to PC Robert Stevenson, our Bobby on the Beat, on his promotion to Sergeant. A replacement could not be found and for the past twelve months the only visible policing on the Broadway has been by the **PCSO's**, first PCSO 7109 **Tony Murray** and then PCSO 7108 **Vikki Eggleton** to whom he handed the community mobile **07709 521 025** and the answer phone recording.

But all that has changed with the new Safer Neighbourhoods strategy. The incoming Chief Commissioner wants every neighbourhood to have its own mini police force, consisting of 1 sergeant, 2 police constables and at least 2 **PCSO's**. Muswell Hill has been chosen as one of the first Safer Neighbourhoods to be set up and, amazingly, we seem to have a full team already in place. There is **Sgt Paul Saunders** (who used to be in charge of community policing throughout the west of the Borough) and **PCs Paul Lancaster** and **Allan Greig**; and **Vicki Eggleton** has been joined by **James Robinson**. The mobile phone is due to be replaced by a "mobex" [sounds terrific. Ed] but it is unclear who will have daily charge of it. The mug-shots are of Paul Saunders (with beard) and Paul Lancaster (without) and the PC on the beat is Allan Greig.

Two more good things about the new arrangements. First, all the officers will be based in Muswell Hill Police Station (in Fortis Green Road). Second, they will be "ring-fenced" and will not have to do crowd control etc out of borough. Will this bring the current spate of car-breakings to an end? We can only hope.

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Sgt Paul Saunders



PC Paul Lancaster



PC Allan Greig

This Issue



Licensing Law



Five Babies
&
Funeral



Little Green Men

GIVE US A SIGN

You may remember that our residents bid for some Area Assembly money to replace our damaged road sign and grit bin and to adorn the Broadway with hanging baskets of flowers. A new road sign was installed early this month in place of the perfectly good sign by St James's Lane. The damaged one at the bottom of the slope is still covered in black paint and hanging on by a thread. Let's hope they do better with the flower baskets which are reportedly going to bedeck the Church-Odeon-Sainsbury's triangle, where lunch is traditionally taken *al fresco* by the Fortismerati.

THE STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE LITTLE GREEN MEN

When we first started recycling in this road we had weekly visits from Little Green Men, who carefully collected our paper, our bottles and our cans which they stowed away in special bags to take back to the mother ship. **It was a very green operation, no lorries, just battery-powered rubbish-floats and very good-humoured collectors who were careful to assure us that they wanted to be our friends.** Then we were told that our road had been chosen for the collection of plastics, cardboard and green garden waste as well. An informative leaflet included a picture of a beautifully sorted green box and encouraged us to put it out by **6 am** if not the night before. Goodness, we thought, the **Little Green Men** are going to have a challenging job, sifting paper from cardboard and glass bottles from plastic at **6 am**; so we sorted the boxes with special care. And it seemed to work: when we opened the door to collect the morning pint there was the green box, emptied and ready for another week. But one morning your editor was early enough to see that **no Little Green Men** were involved and **no floats**; the whole boxful was being tipped into the maw of an enormous rubbish collecting lorry [see picture] and mashed up as one. So how is it all disaggregated for recycling? According to Zoe Mackenzie, Haringey's Recycling and Community Project Officer, there are "sophisticated methods of sorting back at the depot".

Little Green Men?



FIVE BABIES & A FUNERAL

There has been a resounding baby boom in the past few months on the flat section of Hillfield Park. We give a big welcome to **Lola Sky Albert** (No 59A, and already upwardly mobile to No 25), a little girl **Ella**, born to Dominic and Fay at No 49, **Ruby Bea Awernat**, born to Carla and Karim at No 53 and **Oliver Christopher Kan**, a brother for Amy Tigerlily, at No 71. And, although she has moved a few yards away from Hillfield Park, we also congratulate Mel [North London's neatest interior decorator: 07812 599 830] on the birth of baby **Sasha**. Our photographer has only managed three pictures out of five; see if you can work out who belongs where.

Sadly, **Robert Poulton** died recently at No 13, which was the Poulton family home for many years. May he rest in peace.

KEEP IT UNDER YOUR HAT

This must go no further, but we have persuaded Waste Management to make another delivery of free amenity skips one of these weekends, followed by a flatback lorry to collect fridges, batteries and other unskippables. You will be leafleted before it happens but keep the news to yourself or men with white vans will be dumping builder's trade waste!

