

## STOP AND SHOP

The Council's Stop and Shop proposals have the declared aim of providing more short term parking space for shoppers. This is necessarily at the expense of local residents because the proposals provide for Pay and Display bays Off Broadway, including eight at the top of Hillfield Park and 8 at the top of St James's Lane. This would mean reducing the free spaces available to residents in this area by almost 10%. Comments have been sent on behalf of our Neighbourhood Watch to the effect that the proposals for the additional P&D would make it even harder for our residents to park in their own road during the day (as many need to do), or to find space for electricians, plumbers and other vital technicians; and that the only way of redressing the balance would be a limited CPZ to

stop all day parking here by Broadway employees. The consultation period has been extended to the end of August, so it is not too late, even now, to send your comments to Streetscene.consultation@haringey.gov.uk or Haringey Council, Traffic and Road Safety Group, River Park House, 1st Floor South, 225 High Rd, Wood Green N22 8HQ. If you want to take matters further, Rahid, across the road at 12A, has found a wonderful website [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com) which will identify your local councillors, MP, GLA member and EuroMP (on the basis of your postcode) and prepare a template for a letter to send them your questions and comments. A new and exciting feature is writing to "Your Lord" which sifts out the best Peer to write to if you want to take your issue to the House of Lords! Goferit!

## LET'S HUG SOME MORE TREES II

Following the successful planting of 12 trees on the flat section early this year and with the help and encouragement of Councillor Gail Engert and Alex Fraser (the Council's arboricultural officer) we have made a Muswell Hill Assembly bid for 6 trees on Steve's team's side of the slope and 6 on the Oddfellas side.

### CLIVE AND PIPPY ARE MOVING ON

After 30 years of trying to find a parking space, Clive and Pippy Tickner are sadly leaving Hillfield Park for a little cottage near Southwold in Suffolk [tel: 01502 723 367]: they hope you will ring and visit.

In their place at No 28 we welcome Carrie and Stephen Matthews and their young children William and Lisbeth.

### HILLFIELD PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS:

Peter Thompson (editor) @ No 9 [8883 0371],  
Carmen Harris & Richard Tharp @ No 4,  
Sarah Rodgers @ No 18,  
Micheline Gunter @ No 25,  
Clive & Pippy Tickner @ No 28,  
Rupert Townsend @ No 40,  
Patricia Napper @ No 42,  
Justin & Ama Keery @ No 45,  
John Fulford @ No 53,  
Sue Dawson @ No 67,  
Joy & Patrick Wheeler @ No 71.

### COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

Haringey Neighbourhood Watch Association has organised a photographic competition for three age groups [under 12, 12-21 and 21+] on the theme POSITIVE COMMUNITIES. Judges include Lynda Bellingham and other local celebrities and there are many exciting prizes including a Fortnum & Mason hamper, MP3 player, family tickets for Paradise Wildlife Park, theatre tickets and a set of House of Commons tea-cups! All you have to do is submit a photo (or photos) showing positive community life in Haringey and send it/them by post or email to Kate Snelling at Muswell Hill Police Station, 115 Fortis Green N2 9HW: [kate.snelling@met.police.uk](mailto:kate.snelling@met.police.uk). Many heart-warming photos were taken at our Street Party and might well be suitable for submission.

Closing August 2006 so Hurry.



## LONDON OLYMPICS COME IN UNDER BUDGET!

Yes, the Hillfield Park Olympics 2006 were successfully held in our road-blocked arena on Sunday 18 June. They included a spectacular Olympic podium, torch and flame, a Judge's tent (thank you Terry), a purpose-made stage for gruelling events like the Hulahoopathon (thank you Jim) and an amazing public address system which Justin put together with a couple of tin cans and some bits and bobs he bought on Ebay.

And there were athletes too, hundreds of them representing the three great Olympic teams: Oddfellas, Steve's team and the Flatliners. [In case you still have not worked it out the Oddfellas were from the odd numbers on the slope, Steve's were the evens and the Flatliners were those on the flat section.]

As a warm up we were entertained by North London Performing Arts from round the corner, whose young teams did 15 minutes of exhilarating routines including tap-dancing and somersaults until we were quite exhausted. As the

applause died away the strains of Chariots of Fire came over the address system and Steve's team (the eventual winners as it turned out) entered the arena carrying the Olympic torch to light the flame on the podium outside No 40. What a start!

Under its inspiration almost everyone lined up for the Mini-Marathon (a 400 yard circuit under the arch, up on to the old



Little Sam Storms to Victory

railway line and back past the Health Club). Conspicuous among the non-competitors was

Doctor Alice Baldock who had brought her First Aid bag, as required by our insurance, and found herself ministering to early fallers in the first 20 yards. One such was Little Sam and Dr Alice patched her up so well, with a double shot of iodine, that she went on to win a gold in the skipping race for the under 10s (see picture).

Yes, yes, yes, I hear you say, never mind the athletics. What about the budget! Well, there are a few bills to come in but we raised £280 in share certificates and took £376.16 on the day (John's Bottle Tombola and Sue's bric-a-brac being market leaders) making a total income of £656.16. And we have a plastic mixing bowl still awaiting collection. Our expenses so far have been the road closure order (£60), insurance (£90), stage (£225) prizes (£46) certificates and fliers (£100). And we economised by using charlotte potatoes in the egg and spoon race. So now we have a reserve fund of a little over £100 to spend on printing this souvenir newsletter and to prime the pump for the next event.

Let's see if the London Olympics 2012 can beat that!

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## MORE ABOUT THE STREET PARTY

The Olympics took up most of the afternoon of our Street Party and some of the highlights are displayed overleaf. But that wasn't all. We had an Olympic Feast and there were sideshows like the Pirates of the Caribbean Treasure Hunt which most contestants solved without any help from Naomie Harris. James Mack and his assistant did some baffling conjuring tricks, faces were painted and children won prizes for hoopla, Hunt the Dots and the ever popular Trike n Dice. Christine Jones's Lucky Dip finally ran out, Hande worked on Scooby-Doos and the Bric-a-Brac stall did lively business.

The musical entertainment followed, with some fine performances by young Ben Reinders on the trombone, Irish traditionalists from Elaine and Gail and some great old standards from the Mack Trio. Then we had a fantastic display of CAPOEIRA (Brazilian street dancing) by Grupo Muzenza, joined by some of our younger and more flexible athletes and, to round off, a set each from our resident boy bands DEL-NIL (with young Felix on vocals) and COMMON KNOWLEDGE (Jason and his Highgate prodigies, two years older than their last guest appearance and even deeper into higher education). Yes, the Hillfields were truly alive with the Sound of Music.



Another paint job



The Ceilidh Girls



Justin adjusts the volume for Common Knowledge



Scooby-Dooby



Grupo Muzenza in action

### THE DRAIN GAME

Remember our report about the Thames Water operative who wanted cash to clear a drain which he said was not Thames Water's responsibility? Our householder discovered that he reported the job to his manager as "clearing a block on the main public sewer line" and kept quiet about the cash. Thames Water investigated but said that they were unable to take action; however they refunded the money and sent round a hamper of goodies, including some scrumptious Merlot, pate, gherkins and biscuits! The hamper basket ended up on the Olympic bric-a-brac stall where it made 10p!

### O'NEILLS AGAIN

Don't hold your breath, but it looks as though O'Neills, after a few torrid months of late night closing (1am at weekends), may have to revert to traditional licensing hours ending at 11pm. This is because the permission to stay open late at weekends, granted by the Planning Committee 2 years ago, ran out at the end of June; and their application for permission to renew it (and to stay open till midnight during the week) has been rejected. The main

reason given is the disturbance of local residents (including several in Hillfield Park who wrote in with objections). The upshot is that the late hours which were granted by the Licensing Committee last year cannot now be taken up without breaking the planning laws. Mitchells and Butlers will not be happy brewers about the result and will probably appeal; but for the moment we may expect a significant reduction in late night noise from the Broadway.

### CONTACT NUMBERS

The Neighbourhood Police are not available 24/7 but they are frequently on the Broadway beat and in and around our patch. So if you need them for something which doesn't justify a 999 try their mobile number: 07760 170 127 for PC Allan Greig and PC Paul Lancaster. And don't forget our PCSOs Vicki Eggleton and Cathy Tucker who can be contacted on 07709 521 025. They were very welcome at our Street Party where they indulged in a little Olympic Table Tennis. [See over for picture]

Also there is a very good facility for reporting crime on-line, as long as it is not a serious offence. In the case of car damage, for example, it may be a condition of your insurance that you must report the offence to the police even though there seems to be no prospect of catching the culprit. In such a situation go on line to [www.online.police.uk](http://www.online.police.uk) and you can file your report in minutes and expect to receive a sympathy letter and an offer of victim support the next day.

### BETTER THAN A LOCKED SAFE AND A HUNDRED TIMES CHEAPER

Where to hide your car-keys or diamond ear-rings or the sponsorship money for the London Marathon? It has to be accessible by you but not obvious to a burglar. At last there is an answer; and it is not just cheap, it is FREE. If you would like one of these mini-banks telephone 020 8883 0371 and your editor will have one round in a jiffy.

## PARKLAND WORK



The Parkland Walk (our section) has now had two visits from our volunteer force, in which Sue Dawson, Sam Stott and Joy Wheeler have been prominent. We have had a lot of professional advice on the kind of little jobs that need doing to encourage local fauna and flora (including litter-picking) and Dawn Miles from Dukes Avenue, another Parkland Walk enthusiast, can be relied on to trundle her wheel-barrow to the scene of our operations. Also the picture of Sue digging for victory has caused a lot of interest among Charlie Dimmock's fan club.

We are planning an autumn offensive (on the Japanese knotweed in particular) on a date to be fixed, when we hope to see a few more of you on parade. The importance of conservation work on the Parkland Walk was underlined on Sunday 11 June, the day after we did our first stint, when a top-heavy tree simply crashed across the Walk just where we had been working the day before. Dawn had been warning the Council about this danger for some time and we are glad to report that they cleared it up immediately and are now addressing other danger spots.





*Easy-Peasy*



*What a Finish!*

# LONDON OLYMPICS 2008



*Overtaking on the inside*



*The Mini-Marathon Home Straight*



*Steady as she goes*



*Ted pulls it off for Oddfellas*



*Bending it round bollards*



*Getting the idea*



*Out of the tunnel and on to the Ring of Fire*



*Don't Stop Now*



*The Neighbourhood Team*



*Penalty Shoot-out*