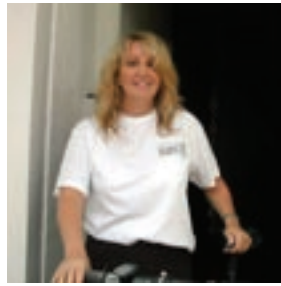


OLYMPIC TEAM LEADER TO WED

Sam Stott who led the ODDFELLAS to a victorious bronze medal in the Hillfield Park Olympics 2006 [see Newsletter No 41] is engaged to be married to Ron of the Red Shoes [surname is Dutch and unspellable]. A matter for the warmest Olympic congratulations.



Congratulations too to dear Betty Ward MBE who moved into Number 29A before the War and is now only 10 years away from a personal century. She and her shopping buggy are regular features of Broadway life and the slopes of Hillfield Park. Take an arm if you see her on the ascent and she will tell you about her time as an air raid warden, and the flying bomb which destroyed No 37; and about waving from her balcony to her husband on the train pulling in to Muswell Hill station and her years of weighing babies at Fortis Green Clinic. Sixty six years on the block and she's never thought of moving because she has such lovely neighbours, bless her. Many Happy Returns, Betty.

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ITWA

It's That Woman Again: the well-dressed, well-spoken black woman with large front teeth (and a gap), who wants to borrow money for a cab fare to Enfield. She has been plying her plausible con-trade in our road again recently. The MO is always the same, to visit one house and say she is sorry she must have the wrong address and then to visit a house several doors away and claim to be staying with/related to the person at the first address. If you have her call on you with this kind of spiel ring 999: she is almost certainly wanted in connection with other reported crimes and probably for not answering bail. Then ring 07760 170 127 to inform PC Allan Greig and PC Paul Lancaster. And failing that 07709 521 025 for Vicki Eggleton and our new PCSO Matt Woolston (right). He's a friendly guy so stop and say hello if you see him about.

**THE GREENING OF HILLFIELD PARK**

It's official: our bid for 12 trees to plant on the slope to match the 12 on the flat has been accepted and no less than £3,000 out of the £50,000 budget has been earmarked for the task. We have been very impressed by the care and interest shown in this project by the Council's arboriologist, Alex Fraser and are confident that all will go well, although we appreciate the misgivings expressed by some. So it looks like another 12 Trees of Christmas. And what they will look like? Here is another chance to share the vision of our cameraman and futurologist, Clive Tickner.



So much for the hill. But How Green is our Valley? The flat section is now a lovely tree-lined arcade where Bill Hogg (below) can exercise his brand new litter-picker.



As for the Parkland Walk, it has survived the so-called drought and received the attentions of a very small working party on 1 October: here you will see your editor and his minder, PC Allan Greig (left), standing in triumph by a cleared patch of what was once Japanese knotweed. That will do until the Spring when we hope to get a few more of you out there doing Community Service.

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CYCLING

You may not think of Muswell Hill as the home of the velocipede but there are more bicycles than buggies in the halls of Hillfield Park [not counting the ones that are shackled to the hitching post outside]. Unsurprising really when you know that James Edmondson



who gave Hillfield Park and the Broadway their unique Edwardian elegance was a very keen cyclist and he didn't have the benefit of a bike-chain, let alone 42 gears.

Today's cyclists have no problem with Hillfield Park, but they don't like dicing with death on Muswell Hill Road. We asked our Councillors to do something about it and to our surprise they have obtained a positive response from the Council as follows: "A Cycle Route Implementation and Stakeholder Plan (CRISP) is in progress for the London Cycle Network Plus (LCN+) Link 81 Alexandra Palace Station to Hampstead Lane and the Green Ways Link 02 Alexandra Palace Station to Highgate Station; both links are via Muswell Hill Road adjacent to Highgate Woods. The studies will be completed by December 2006. The studies will recommend measures to improve cycling along Muswell Hill Road. This may be in the form of cycle lanes depending on the

recommendations made by the CRISP stakeholders (Haringey Cycle Campaign, LCN+ and the Councils Road safety and Transportation Planning team). If cycle lanes are recommended as part of the CRISP process we will seek to implement the scheme next financial year." Apparently the Parkland Walk was classified as a Green Way (ie cyclists, pedestrians and dogs) when it was resurfaced so we may expect patrons of the proposed cycle lanes in Muswell Hill Road to be using the Parkland Walk to avoid Broadway traffic. In response to the question whether residents would be allowed a say your editor was told that only environmental groups would be consulted so he notified CRISP of the newly formed FRIENDS OF PARKLAND WALK (MUSWELL HILL).

O'NEILLS AGAIN

ONEILLS, ain't yer sick of them! They applied in January for planning permission to serve drink until 1 am and the Council turned them down in July. So they have applied again, this time to serve alcohol up to twelve with a further half hour for drinking up and leaving. Several of us residents have put in objections because of the major disturbance caused by turning hundreds of drinkers on to the Broadway after midnight. Another source of local irritation has been O'Neills breach of their existing licence over the summer by providing late night drinks as if the permission had been granted. We have made complaints about this to the Regional Office and this may have something to do with the landlord's subsequent decision, communicated on 25 August, that your editor was barred from O'Neills for good. Not a way to win resident support for their application.



RECYCLING

There is a new Recycling Centre just opened up in Hornsey High Street, opposite the Greig Academy: it is down the un-named road after Myddleton Road and Jamal and various friendly colleagues are waiting for you to bring in any rubbish which you can't dispose of in the weekly collections. Unlike the green collections in our road, the cardboard, paper, glass and plastic bottles (nb no other plastic can be recycled) are all collected in separate containers; and they will accept furniture, hard core and rubble, wood and timber, scrap metal, electrical equipment and white goods. Best of all they will accept General Waste if you

have done a clear-out and can't fit it all in your Wheelie. Incidentally Haringey Accord will do a free collection of unwanted white goods, TVs and IT equipment: ring 0202 8885 7700 to arrange collection.



STOP AND SHOP

At our meeting on 27 September 2006 we appointed Rosalind Erskine (No 20) to be our delegate at the October meeting of a STOP AND SHOP focus group, set up to think again about proposals for Pay and Display on the Broadway. The general view of the group was that Pay and Display could be more helpful for shops and shoppers than the existing system of allowing extended free parking until 4pm followed immediately by transportation to the pound and a redemption penalty of £150. There was unanimous condemnation, thank goodness, of the earlier proposal for pushing Pay and Display down the residential roads like Hillfield Park, St James's Lane, Dukes Avenue etc. There will be a further round of consultation on revised proposals later this month and your Editor will see that residents are alerted to the opportunity to express their views.

DEL NIL

The Boy Band at No 14, DEL NIL, has been getting gigs at the rate of five a month since they performed at our Street Party in June. They compose their own material and have their own transport and are cutting their first CD very soon. For some it's a filler for the Gap Year, for others it's a supplement for the day job; for all of them it's a lot of fun... and they could be famous one day. So remember, **YOU HEARD THEM HERE FIRST!**