

## THE SUSTAINABILITY PAGE

At our meeting on 6 March we set up a Sustainability Group, with half a dozen members. Jill Green at No 8 is the leading light and Peter Thompson the Secretary. Its remit is to research and promote the adoption of a greener lifestyle in our neighbourhood, cutting down on carbon emissions and waste, growing our own food and fruit and using cars as little as possible. Contact Peter on 020 8883 0371 if you would like to join.

In December's Sustainability Newsletter we included a photograph of Muswell Hill's architect and developer, James Edmondson, posing with a penny-farthing bicycle. What a fine role model! But one of his descendants has now written in with a photo of him and family [above] as the proud owner of an Edwardian gas guzzler. Oh the shame!



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### MORE PARKLAND WORK



The Parkland Walk is getting better all the time. The Council were so impressed by our efforts on 9<sup>th</sup> February in litter-picking the slopes by the tunnel

that they have used some end-of-year underspend to run wire mesh netting along the bottom of the railings [see picture] to keep the litter out. Better still, the plans for improving the Parkland Walk, on which you are all being consulted, include the replacement of the broken steps from the car park to the alley with smooth and seamless access. Roll on, roll off those bikes and buggies!

### SAVE OUR POST OFFICES

Support for the local post office is a sustainability issue. Although the one on the Broadway is not under threat of closure it is certainly under threat of even longer queues than

at present. So join a mass rally of residents outside Wood Green Library at 2pm on Saturday 29 March to **SAVE OUR POST OFFICES!**

*Bairstow Eves have kindly produced our newsletter.*

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### WELCOME TO THE...

### HILLFIELD PARK-ST JAMES STREET PARTY AND OLYMPICS



The date of the Hillfield Park-St James Street Party and Olympics has now been set for 22 June 2008, the week before Glasto. But why the new name? Well, the Hillfield Parkers decided at their meeting on 6 March 2008 to rationalise the event this year by inviting our neighbours in St James's-Lane-above-the-Viaduct and Beattock Rise to come in as hosts rather than as guests. Indeed we are hoping to see a team from Upper St James and Beattock competing as a Third Force in our triangular Olympics with the indomitable Hillfield Flatliners and a team from Hillfield-on-the-Slope. A Titanic contest indeed.

There will, of course, be a fully blown Street Party as well: feasting, dancing, Treasure Hunt, stalls, competitions and games. It will be funded in the usual way by the sale to each family of a £5 Share in the enterprise (£2 concessions and singles). Someone living near to you will be round shortly issuing share certificates and noting your

proposed participation on the day (athletic, culinary or whatever). It is not too soon to start growing something wonderful for the Grown at Home competition (no more cacti, thank you) and getting your pets into training for the celebrated Dog Agility Trials.



That ain't all. There are plans to float an enlarged Neighbourhood Watch (Hillfield-St James) to bring us all together with a new constitution. But let's have the Party first. What's that? Do I hear

voices raised in Hillfield Park Mews that they want to come in too?

Why not? If interested please email [aoby37@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:aoby37@dsl.pipex.com).

What's Sgt Paul Saunders watching? [See over]



## The century's most daring jewellery heist!



Yes, a dawn raid with the police looking on! Don't worry, the celebrated Langton clock is just being taken down for a clean and a new battery. This project was the most popular Making the Difference bid for Muswell Hill last year and the cost comes out of the Making the Difference Budget.

So what can we bid for this year? We have already scored twice with our bids for trees, on flat and slope; and the broken ramp (last year's bid) is being dealt with (see MORE PARKLAND WORK).

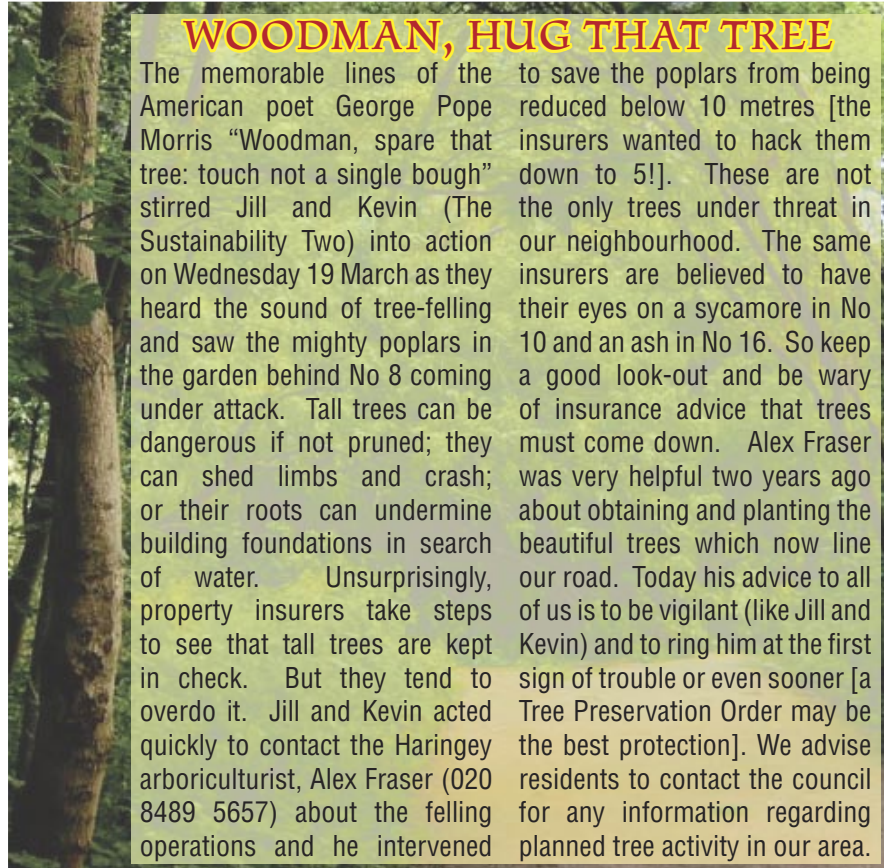
So how about having a seat installed in the leafy niche outside St James's Church? Bids must be in by 31 March so let Peter Thompson know [020 8883 0371] if you have any better ideas.



## WOODMAN, HUG THAT TREE

The memorable lines of the American poet George Pope Morris "Woodman, spare that tree: touch not a single bough" stirred Jill and Kevin (The Sustainability Two) into action on Wednesday 19 March as they heard the sound of tree-felling and saw the mighty poplars in the garden behind No 8 coming under attack. Tall trees can be dangerous if not pruned; they can shed limbs and crash; or their roots can undermine building foundations in search of water. Unsurprisingly, property insurers take steps to see that tall trees are kept in check. But they tend to overdo it. Jill and Kevin acted quickly to contact the Haringey arboriculturist, Alex Fraser (020 8489 5657) about the felling operations and he intervened

to save the poplars from being reduced below 10 metres [the insurers wanted to hack them down to 5!]. These are not the only trees under threat in our neighbourhood. The same insurers are believed to have their eyes on a sycamore in No 10 and an ash in No 16. So keep a good look-out and be wary of insurance advice that trees must come down. Alex Fraser was very helpful two years ago about obtaining and planting the beautiful trees which now line our road. Today his advice to all of us is to be vigilant (like Jill and Kevin) and to ring him at the first sign of trouble or even sooner [a Tree Preservation Order may be the best protection]. We advise residents to contact the council for any information regarding planned tree activity in our area.



## SARAH'S CHORAL PREMIERE

Sarah Rodgers, Muswell Hill's leading composer [Did I say Muswell Hill? I meant the UK] is celebrating another world premiere. This time it is a choral



Hillfield Park's Sarah Rodgers

work DOVER BEACH, written for and sung by the Islington Choral Society with Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra. It was performed before an enthusiastic audience at St Augustine's Church Highbury New Park on 15 March. Encore, Encore.

### More Police News:

## the Emperor's New Cash Kiosk



We have had some success in getting more late night policing. Inspector Craig Middleton told the Muswell Hill Journal on 28 February that Muswell Hill was statistically one

of the safest areas to live and work but added, in response to the call for Booze Patrols "There are issues we need to address, so the shift pattern for Safer Neighbourhoods teams

will be changing in March, and will now include a greater proportion of shifts at weekends". And CCTV camera poles have been springing up on the Broadway. But the most startling innovation is the Emperor's New Cash Kiosk, a magic yellow square painted on the pavement by the ATM. So long as you stand within the square no one can touch you! Not sure whether it works after midnight.

## THE LITTLE GREEN MEN ARE BACK

We have had a lot of litter blown down our road in the windy weather and more visits by the Street Cleaner would be welcome. The easiest way of getting Accord's attention is to go to [www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk) and use the "report a problem" e-form. It seems to do the trick.

We are now used to the sight of their huge recycling machine, coming to crunch up our paper and plastic, bottles and tin all in one undifferentiated swill. So it was good to see a return of the Little Green Men who introduced us to recycling years ago. They now

have a new role: cutting back foliage which overhangs the pavement and taking the trimmings away as Garden Refuse. Only one sighting so far this year but our photographer was there. Good work, men.

