

**NEW CHAIR; NEW CHAIRMAN**

Now to update you on our new Association which was formally created on 1 September 2008 with a brand new name and constitution to represent the interests of residents as a Residents Association and also a Neighbourhood Watch. The name is simply Hillfield-St.James and all residents of Hillfield Park and Mews, Beattock Rise and St James's Lane-above-the-Viaduct are members with voting rights: that includes the new incumbents of St James's Vicarage: The Rev Kim and Penelope

Swithinbank and family. On 1 September you voted to appoint Matthew Pollitt as chairman, John Fulford as Treasurer and Peter Thompson as Secretary; and the following were voted on to the Executive Committee: Thomas Argyrou, Ruth Edwards, Stuart Chorley and Judith Harrison (all from St James's Lane) and Roberta Knight (from Beattock Rise). Subsequently the following have been co-opted to join them: Emma



Matthew and Emma

Cox and Carrie Matthews (Hillfield Park) and Sylvia Argyrou and Charlotte Watts (St James's Lane). An excellent outcome and the Treasurer reports that we start the year with £157.43 in the bank. No wonder Matthew and Emma are smiling as the new Chairman tries out the new chair.



**WITTY AND TWISTED**



Scarcely has Vivian of a manic depressive Stanshall had his plaque hamster. In addition to the nailed to the wall of series there are her stand-up performance which are Melrose than another great up performance which are performing artist emerges from the shadows of the Hillfield slope with a representation (United Agents forsooth). But at a similarly offbeat sense of humour and taste for dressing outrageously. Step forward Miriam Elia whose sketch show A SERIES OF PSYCHOTIC EPISODES is already winning her fame on BBC radio 7. The series includes the diary



**ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL CONTENDER**



In October Jo Williamson (formerly No 8, HP) won the Woman's Trophy in the World Crazy Golf Championship 2008

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Lucky you living so close to St James's Church. You can go to the Carols by Candlelight service without worrying about parking. This must be the best Carol Service in North London: it is a magnificent musical production which regularly fills every pew for each of the two performances at



4.30 and 7pm on the Sunday before Christmas. And still there is not enough room for those attending. So this year they are putting on a third performance, on Monday 22 December at 8pm. If you want a seat you must get there early. Merry Christmas, everybody.

*Bairstow Eves have kindly produced our newsletter.*

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**NEW BENCH**

Remember that space by the bus stop outside St James's Church? Many years ago there was a bench from which people could gaze across at the paint displays in Bond and White. But it was uprooted and destroyed by Vandals and Visigoths. So last year we made a Muswell Hill Assembly (Making

the Difference) bid for a replacement and were successful! A good solid bench has now been installed by Earth Anchors, who specialise in non-uprootable furniture, for £600; and Visigoths now come from miles around to sit on it and count the customers in and out of Planet Organic. If you want proof, turn to the back page.



## STALWARTS OF THE ROAD PASS ON



Sadly **Terry Mullen** died at the end of July. He had a commanding view of London from MELROSE, the big white house at the top of our hill, and was known to all of us on the slope as a great character who was always up for a Street Party, as may be seen from the photograph, taken 5 years ago: Terry (middle of the back row) was doing better than most of us at staying upright [or was it just the slope of the hill?] He ran a very successful boutique in Carnaby Street in the 50/60s and used to jive at weekends at the old Athenaeum, where Sainsburys now stands. A tireless entrepreneur he was always abroad buying and selling and frequently took a stall at our Street Parties. He

helped us celebrate our centenary with a 100 year old Daimler and was delighted that his house should be chosen for Vivian Stanshall's blue plaque, although not well enough to attend the unveiling. A bon viveur who will be sadly missed.

In contrast **Rashid Khan**, who died shortly after, was a quiet man with a modest lifestyle whose skills as a photographer were in great demand, at our Street Parties and all over the Metropolis. Here he is seen in reflective mood outside No 40. He was a devout Muslim and a founder of the Mosque in Turnpike Lane which is noted for its good works in the community and for its openness to members of other faiths. Some of us attended the very simple funeral service which was conducted there. We shall miss him too and our sympathies go to his widow, Parveen and their sons and family.



On 20 November 2008 a small team from the Muswell Hill Karate Academy, including Justin and Eli Keery, travelled to Prague to represent England at the European Karate championships. Other challengers included a 100-strong team of Karatekas from Poland. Our team came away with a lot of bruises and no medals, but hey, it's the taking part that counts. Anyway the Bowling Alley at the hotel was really good and Czech Airlines do an excellent in-flight free meal and drink. Well done, our team.

## POLICE NEWS

Sergeant Paul Davies is the new head of the Muswell Hill Safer Neighbourhoods Team and he came to our general meeting on 12 November 2008 and gave us an overview of crime in Muswell Hill. On the whole the picture is reassuring: crime generally is down and mobile phone robbery has slowed following some timely arrests in St James's Lane. The one area which is on the increase is breaking into cars (to steal equipment) and wanton damage. Special night patrols have not yielded

significant results so far. Those of us with satellite navigation devices are warned to take them out of the vehicle once parked and, as additional precautions (1) to leave the glove compartment open and (2) to wipe those tell-tale suction pad marks from your windscreen! As regards the late night revelry at the top of the hill, General Winter has had a chilling effect and alcohol can no longer be bought after midnight at Supersave. Otherwise not much progress. There is no local (or other) police presence after 10pm

(occasionally midnight) and applications to ban drinking in the street and to have Muswell Hill declared a "saturation" zone (no more licences to be granted) have been rejected by the Council. As for O'Neills they are bidding to keep their closing time at midnight throughout the week and its not too late to send in your comments [your editor has asked for it to go back to 11pm during the week, to spare us the noise of the smoking congregations on the highway and the exodus after midnight of up to 800 revellers].



## WASTE DISPOSAL

Your editor fears that he may be losing the plot on the disposal of waste. The first idea (welcomed warmly by this paper) was Little Green Men collecting our paper, bottles and tins separately for ease of recycling. Then they gave us olive-green bins for compostable

food waste and bags for garden waste and Little Green Bins for paper, bottles and plastic all mixed up. Now, according to the new Haringey Waste Supremo, Michael McNicholas, we are to get bigger and better Green Bins to rival our dear Wheelie-bins for size. This is to encourage us to put more out for re-cycling. Great, so what about

what's left in the black wheelie-bin? Does it really have to go for landfill? No, the new idea (?) is to burn it and save energy. [Hang on, I thought we were trying to cut down on CO2 emissions. Ed] If you would like to know more about this exciting breakthrough there is space for you on a residents' outing to London Waste Eco Park

[aka the Edmonton incinerator] at 10 on Wednesday 14 Jan 09 to see where and how they do the composting of kitchen and garden waste and the incineration. Contact Joyce Rosser at [jrosser@lineone.net](mailto:jrosser@lineone.net) and she will give you more info and book you in. Early advice is to go prepared for much climbing of ladders and ramps. Oooo-er.