

MERCI BIEN MONIQUE

Monique Stone of 1 Beattock Rise [the house across St James's Lane from 75 Hillfield Park] has built up a 20 year reputation for treating back and joint problems with the Alexander technique. In the last 9 years her reputation has been further enhanced by (a) acting as scorer for the keenly fought Golden Jubilee Street Cricket Match 2002 (between Hillfield Park Royalists and Hillfield Park Republicans); (b) judging and awarding Olympic certificates at the Hillfield Park Olympics 2006; and (c) by qualifying in scenar therapy, nutritional medicine, homotoxicology and iridology, all of which she practises from home. Your editor's

remarkably swift recovery from a broken leg [see Newsletter No 43] is due, in part, to her course of scenar therapy [thank you, Monique] and anyone interested in this or any other drug-free therapy need only ring her bell, phone her on 020 8883 5611 or visit her website: www.holistic-care.co.uk. NB Your editor now expects to be highly placed in this year's Mini-Marathon, judged as ever by Monique, and has nothing to fear from a saliva test.



Monique Stone

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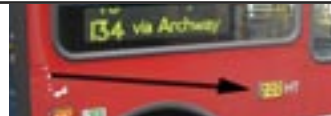
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TROUBLE ON T' BUSES

Transport of delight? Not always. You may sometimes have reason to complain about a bus-driver failing to stop at a Request or plummeting down Muswell Hill before you are seated. Or there may be an incident of crime or disorder on a bus which ought to be reported to the police. Or you may have left your umbrella behind when you got off. In all these circumstances you need to know the number that the bus is carrying at that time.



To identify it as a 43 or 134 or 102 does not narrow the field much unless you know the exact time that it left the depot; and the registration number is not much help either. What you really need to note is the number on the plate on the side of the bus next to the two painted letters. The plate is inserted at the start of the journey and the bus can be tracked by reference to it. Can you see it in the photograph?

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HILLFIELD PARK

OLYMPICS 2007

Yes, in response to popular demand, we are holding another Hillfield Park Olympics as part of this year's Street Party at 2pm on **Sunday 24 June 2007**. The 3 competing teams will be the same: Even Stevens, Oddfellas and Flatliners and there will be the usual wide range of Olympic events, including the

War; and Olympics medals will be presented by **Lynne Featherstone MP**.

After the Games we will have an Olympic banquet, music and dancing and we will, of course, have Treasure Hunts, Lucky Dip, Bottle Tombola, bric a brac stalls and other

sideshows running throughout the day.

The event will be funded by the sale of £5 share certificates to Hillfield Park families who want to be involved and £2 for singles. The purchase of a certificate entitles you to bring relatives and friends. They



Mini-Marathon, egg and spoon, Dog Agility Trials and Hulahoopathon. The Games will end at about 5pm with the Tug-of-



do not have to pay but it would be appreciated if they could contribute a dish or drinks to the Olympic banquet.

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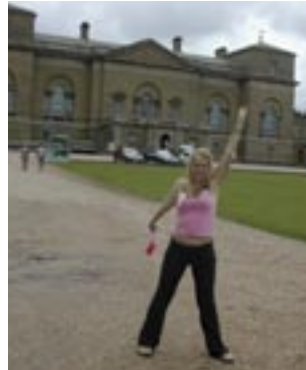
OLYMPIC PERSONALITIES

Alas, some of the giants of the Olympic scene will not be performing this year. We should



Bora Bora and following it up with a second ceremony in Windsor. The latter is needed to make it legal and regrettably it will keep her away from the Games.

So the Oddfellas will be led this year by her neighbour Peter Thompson [aka 009] and the rest of the Thompson family, including Gemmie who is seen here getting into training outside Thompson Towers.



mention in particular Sam Stott who led the Oddfellas to a bronze medal in the Olympics 2006. What is her excuse? She has the best possible excuse. She will be leaving the country in June to be married (illegally) to Ron Van Der Mere in

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Every year Hillfield Park reduces the size of its carbon footprint by planting more trees and getting more of us on bikes. [There is some talk of an Olympic uphill cycle race this year.] So we have almost run out of things to bid for which will MAKE A DIFFERENCE. But there is still the broken step at the foot of the car park, which is a dangerous hazard for pedestrians, cyclists and buggy-pushers on their way to and from the Parkland Walk and Muswell Hill Primary School. Councillor Gail Engert has been active on our behalf in trying to get the step replaced by a short ramp as part of the Parkland Walk upgrade (for bicycles, no motorbikes or scooters, please); but we have, as a fall-back, bid for the work to be done and paid for out of the Muswell Hill Assembly pot: no one who has seen the broken step can deny that smoothing it into a ramp would make a real difference to our life style without endangering the planet.



PARKLAND WORK IN APRIL



There is more to be done on our bit of the Parkland Walk and we will be meeting to do it on Saturday after Easter, making a slightly later start (2pm) to enable you to grab some lunch. And why not bring a picnic for when we are done, weather permitting? [Then we can scatter some cans and crisp packets around

to give us something to pick up next time!]

Meeting Point: the tunnel under Muswell Hill at 2pm Saturday 14 April 2007.

PICK A POCKET OR TWO

No, it's not another plug for the production of OLIVER starring our very own Singing Sam as Nancy [see Newsletter No 43 for the preview: it was a brilliant production and Sam gave a heart-stealing performance]. No, this is a police warning that there has been a sharp rise in the picking of pockets in and around Muswell Hill Broadway, particularly in the Charity shops. You have been warned!

THE FASTEST POSTMAN IN THE WEST

You may have noticed that some of last October's mail didn't reach your door-mat until January. [I didn't. Ed] You may also have read in the local papers that this was because



the postie on the Hillfield Park/ St James's Lane round found the task of delivery too great: she dumped one bag on the Parkland Walk and took the rest home to her flat. Yes, it was a she, doing the round on Postman Derek's day off. The trouble is that Derek is fantastically speedy: he runs up and down steps and can barely stop to say Good Morning so determined is he to clip seconds off his best time. He is a lovely guy, one in a million, evidently in training for the Postal Olympics. The unfortunate girl must have realised that she had no chance of completing his round in twice the time, even going off the ladies' tee. So the Royal Mail had to let her go. But, thanks be, Derek is still with us.