

# APRIL NEWS BULLETIN

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## MEMBERSHIP

The Committee of the Canons Park Estate Association exists to maintain and approve the unique feature of the Estate on behalf of all Residents. Membership is voluntary and costs £100 per year (or less than £2 per week).

The annual membership was due for payment on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012. The cost of £100 is unchanged as compared to the previous year. Membership statements have been distributed to all households.

Only 182 residents out of a total of 340 have contributed so far, including 10 households who have contributed only £45, and 14 who have contributed only £75. These residents cannot be treated as full members of the CPEA under the terms of its Rules and will not therefore be eligible to vote at AGMs and EGMs. In 2011 we received contributions from 215 residents so we are running well behind last year.

If you have not yet contributed your membership, and wish to support the work that the CPEA undertakes on your behalf, please send your cheque for £100 (made payable to the Canons Park Estate Association or CPEA), to Robert Graham at 11 Powell Close.

In addition, if you have not yet changed your Standing Order and have only contributed £45 or £75 please make arrangements to pay the balance of your membership contribution.

## SECURITY

**The separate funding raised to cover the cost of the security patrols operated by Crown Protection Services will run out shortly.**

A total of £17,150 has been raised from 108 residents and an additional contribution was also received from Lodge Close, who also provide toilet and other facilities for the guard. With the exception of 8 non-members, all of the contributions have been received from members of the CPEA. All contributing residents are provided with the guard's mobile phone number to enable them to contact him if required when he is on patrol.

The duty logs maintained by Crown indicate a reduction in the number of reported incidents over the period that the patrols have been operating. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that our Estate is now less popular as a meeting point for unwelcome visitors.

The K9 patrols cost nearly £500 per week and they have been operating since the beginning of September. We now need to raise additional contributions to enable the patrols to continue. It would be a real shame if the additional funding required could not be found to allow the patrols to continue through the summer as this is likely to be the peak season for anti-social behaviour.

The contributions have been set at £150 for members of the CPEA and £175 for non-members. We are particularly keen to secure contributions from those Residents who have not yet contributed.

**Please could you send your cheque, made payable to CPEA Security, as soon as possible to Robert Graham at 11 Powell Close.**

## **BASIN LAKE FILMING, MONDAY 30 APRIL**

**The Committee agreed to allow the Basin Lake to be used to film a scene for the Channel 4 comedy "Friday Night Dinner", which is set in North London.**

The income generated will be used to contribute to the cost of repairing the banking at the Basin and Seven Acre Lake and will also help to offset the reduction in the number of Residents joining the CPEA this year as referred to above.

The scene will involve the main actor walking into a pond to retrieve his favourite childhood toy before a dog jumps in and beats him to it. The scene will be shot at the Basin on the evening of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, from 7.00pm until 1.00am. A generator will be used to provide the necessary power and the production company have agreed to take all possible steps to keep noise and light pollution to a minimum. At the end of filming, some of the equipment will be left on-site overnight for removal the following morning, to avoid any further disturbance. They will have their own security on-site during the filming and overnight.

The production company are fully insured and all safety aspects of using the Basin will be covered. Harrow Council has been consulted and has given permission for them to use the pavement. The Police have also been consulted. The production crew will welcome spectators on the evening and we hope the filming will be fun for everyone watch.

## **EXCLUSIVE TO CPEA MEMBERS - HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE OFFER**

**We are pleased to announce that a special deal on Buildings and / or Contents insurance is now available exclusively to members of the Canons Park Estate Association. This has been arranged through Churchill Insurance Consultants Ltd in tandem with Sterling Insurance Company Ltd.**

Primary benefits of the policy are \*:-

- 10% DISCOUNT OR MORE ON YOUR EXISTING HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE RENEWAL PREMIUM
- 12 month interest free instalment facility on premiums in excess of £2,000
- 3% instalment charge on all other policies
- No security restrictions in most instances
- Free 2-hour contents appraisal for premiums in excess of £2,000
- Free full-day contents appraisal for premiums in excess of £7,500
- Dedicated appointed Claims Handler
- Agreed Value cash option in claims settlement
- £25 contribution to the Association for each policy taken up

Churchill Insurance Consultants Ltd is a locally-based, independently owned general insurance broker, which has been trading for 30 years and prides itself on offering a personal and professional service. See [www.churchillins.co.uk](http://www.churchillins.co.uk)

Sterling Insurance Company Ltd is a United Kingdom owned and based insurance company established for over 60 years. [www.sterlinginsurancegroup.com](http://www.sterlinginsurancegroup.com)

**For further information please contact Howard Owen on 020 8511 1078, or email [howard@churchillins.co.uk](mailto:howard@churchillins.co.uk).**

\*Subject to the acceptance criteria of the insurer, full details of which are available on request from Churchill Insurance Consultants Ltd.

## **CULVERT**

**As has previously been reported, there is a drainage channel that carries overflow rainwater from the Seven Acre Lake to the Basin Lake on Canons Drive.**

The original open stream was closed in during the building of the houses in the 1930's. It is believed that the culvert runs under Dukes Avenue, then along the boundaries between the odd numbered properties in Lake View and the adjacent properties in Powell Close, before running under Canons Drive and emptying into the Basin Lake. However, its precise location is not known and, as far as we are aware, it has never been inspected.

It must be emphasised that the culvert is **NOT** owned by Surplus Lands (Canons) Limited or the Association but is the responsibility of any householder beneath whose garden it flows (under Riparian Rights). The households affected may not even be aware of its presence. Trees or garden shrubs could be causing damage by infiltration or garden structures could have been built above it, causing stress to a very old pipe system. Standard household insurance should provide appropriate protection as long as the insurers concerned have been notified.

The Committee is therefore proposing to have the culvert surveyed by CCTV to assess its condition and to determine its precise location. The survey will highlight any potential problems, which will enable the households affected to provide appropriate details to their insurers.

The survey will be undertaken by Waterflow, who have been recommended by the Drainage Engineer at Harrow Council, and the cost is likely to be between £1,000 and £1,500 (including VAT).

The Committee have asked each of 35 householders through whose properties this channel could potentially flow to contribute £50 each to the cost. If any excess funds are raised they will of course be returned to the contributing Residents on a pro rata basis.

The CCTV survey will provide a DVD-R Video recording along with a printed report with any recommendations for remedial repairs. Copies of the report will be made available to all Residents who contribute to the cost of the survey so that they can provide the necessary information to their insurers. Residents who do not make this information available to their insurers could find that they are uninsured in the event of a problem.

We have received only 12 contributions to date.

**If you have already been contacted separately by the CPEA, and have not already contributed, please could you fill in the reply form that was provided and return it to Myra Stephens together with your cheque for £50 (made payable to the CPEA) at 26 Chestnut Avenue.**

## **OPEN GARDEN SQUARES EVENT , 10 JUNE 2012, 2 – 5PM**

**We will be opening up the Seven Acre Lake on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2012 between 2.00pm and 5.00pm as part of the Open Garden Squares Weekend that is organised by the London Parks & Gardens Trust.**

St. Lawrence Church will again be open to the public, from 2 – 5pm and the Friends of Canons Park will be organising special events to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the walled George V Memorial Garden (details elsewhere in this bulletin).

This will, however, be the first time that the CPEA has taken part, following requests from members of the public to be allowed to visit the Lake, since it appears on maps and is a well-documented part of the history of Canons. It is effectively the last fragment of the original Estate that is not generally open to the public.

We will be using the gate in Rose Garden Close but we will take a record of all those who enter and we will also have members of the CPEA on duty around the lake, so security should not be a problem.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY, MONDAY 4 JUNE 2012, 3 – 5PM

The pleasure of your company is requested at a Diamond Jubilee party, to be hosted jointly by the CPEA and Lodge Close.

The party will be held at Lodge Close, in their private gardens. Please join us in celebrating this historic event on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 between 3-5pm. There will be music, face painting, kids' arts and crafts, a pre-loved book exchange/sale and a raffle with great prizes. Hot and cold drinks will be provided, together with a range of teatime goodies to cater for all, including Kosher and Vegan options.

The event is open only to CPEA members and Lodge Close Residents and their guests.

Adult tickets are £5, children (up to age 12) £2.50, if you reply by May 25th. After that date tickets are £6 and £3.00 respectively. Please contact Anuta Rosenfelder: az123@tiscali.co.uk or Tel: 020 8952 2213.

*ANOTHER CHANCE TO HEAR THIS FASCINATING TALK:*  
**CANONS, CORRUPTION AND THE FIRST DUKE OF CHANDOS**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.30pm**

For those of you who missed Dr Aaron Graham's excellent talk at the CPEA's AGM last month, here is a second chance to learn more about the fascinating history of the Canons Park Estate.

Aaron was brought up on the Estate, and was recently awarded a doctorate in history by the University of Oxford. His exhaustive study of the Duke of Chandos' accounts has confirmed that Canons was funded by massive corruption. Brydges made his fortune in the early 1700s as Paymaster-General to the British army, the profits raked off the public accounts being redirected into purchasing expensive artwork and grand architecture, and funding resident composers such as Handel. Everyone knows how the Duke spent his money, but very few know exactly how he made it: Aaron's talk will lift the veil for the first time, and reveal how Chandos acquired his fortune, how he spent it, and ultimately how he lost it.

Aaron's talk will take place at approx. 8pm and will be preceded at 7.30pm by the  
**FRIENDS OF CANONS PARK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
*at the Arnold House School Activity Centre, Donnefield Avenue, Edgware HA8 6RH*  
*(Parking at Canons Park station car park opposite the Centre)*

[www.friendsofcanonspark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofcanonspark.org.uk)

Light refreshments will be served after Aaron's talk.

## **FRIENDS OF CANONS PARK**

### *2012 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

**SUNDAY 10 JUNE: OPEN GARDEN SQUARES DAY IN THE GEORGE V MEMORIAL GARDEN.** Help us to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the park's stunning walled garden. At 2pm the Mayor of Harrow will plant a tree to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Jazz Band (sponsored by Banner Homes) and cream teas served by the Good Friends Café.

Entrance £3, in aid of the London Parks & Gardens Trust.

1pm - 5pm

**SUNDAY 15 JULY: FUN DAY IN CANONS PARK** Kiddies fairground rides, Laser Tag, Kids' Go-Karts, brass band, tea tent, 'Fun' dog display and contest, face painting, circus skills entertainer and much more.

1pm – 5pm

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