



HATTON PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WINTER 2015

WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2015, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome any new residents to the Hatton Park area and hope that we will have the opportunity to get to know each other over the coming months. A great opportunity is at our winter social event, The 'Mammoth Quiz' that will take place on the 27th February, at the Cricket Club. This is in aid of Macmillan and further details are included within the newsletter.

Ian Richards
HPRA Chairman



WINTER SOCIAL EVENT

We try to hold two events each year where residents have the opportunity to get together. Our first is

going to be on Friday 27th February 2015 and we are planning on joining in with Macmillan's national 'Mammoth Quiz'. We are going to hold the event at Wellingborough Town Cricket Club. Tickets are £3.00 per head for entry and fish 'n' chips can be provided at £4.50 per portion for those who purchase a ticket in advance. Proceeds from the entry fees will be donated to Macmillan. If you would like a ticket(s) please contact your street representative.

CONSERVATION AREA

It was discussed at the AGM whether, as residents, we should consider the Hatton Park area becoming a Conservation Area. To ensure we are able to make an informed decision on the pros and cons we have invited Alex Stevenson from BCW to talk to residents who would like to know more. The decision would obviously need to be one that reflects the desire of the Hatton Park residents as a whole and if enough positive interest is generated at the initial meeting, discussions of how we could move forward with a full resident consultation would be required.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH HPRA

The Hatton Park Residents' Association is intended to be your association. It is made up of all the residents in the Hatton Park Area, with the philosophy of we are stronger as a community than a group of individuals. We would always welcome support from any resident along with inviting you to discuss any ideas or concerns you might have. This can be done via your street representative or via our contact us button on our website www.hattonpark.btck.co.uk. A full list of street representatives can also be found on the 'About us' page of our website.

We are anxious to provide the most up to date information to all residents at all times and to make contact with Residents for important reasons and important reasons alone, we would be most grateful if you could let us have your up to date contact details by emailing them to ian.c.richards@virginmedia.com (We would like to assure everybody that contact details will not be passed on or sold to others and they will only be used to contact members of the Association when necessary.)

AGM

The HPRA AGM was held on the 2nd November 2014, with a few committee members standing down and some newly appointed street representatives joining the committee. It was great to see more residents taking an interest in the association but we rely on everyone's support to keep things moving forward.

OUR FUNDING

Wellingborough Borough Council provides an amount of funding to help support the work of HPRA, sadly from 2015 this funding is being withdrawn. We are committed to the association and would welcome any suggestions of how we can perhaps look to fund our efforts independently. Costs are minimal as we largely depend on people's time. However, we would like to continue to provide communications to residents along with maybe looking at how we could help continue to develop the community spirit with more regular gatherings for those individuals that may be more isolated. Please send any suggestions to the committee via our website contact us button.

WARD BOUNDARY UPDATES

Councillor Kenneth Harrington would also like to take the opportunity to advise members that at the forthcoming Borough elections (May 2015), the Redwell east ward will no longer exist. Instead there will be the new 'Hatton Ward' formed that will include Hatton Park Road, part of Hardwick Road, Harrowden Road, Whytewell Road, part of the High Street, The Pyghtle, part of Gold Street, and the Roads leading off, such as George Street, Park Road, The Avenue etc. The rest of the old Redwell East, will become part of the new Redwell Ward, which will also include what is now Redwell west. Mr Harrington feels a great affinity with the area and as such has chosen to stand for election in the Hatton Ward and if elected would like to continue with his full support of HPRA.

Malcolm Waters has chosen to stand in the new Redwell ward with Councillor Mark Hollyman, who has a business at the bottom end of Debdale, will also be standing for the Hatton Ward.

Alan Warwick will not be standing at the election this year but we thank him for all of his support with our association over the years.

REMINDER - BROWN BIN COLLECTIONS WILL START WEEK COMMENCING 17TH MARCH



STREET LIGHTING

A success! We've managed to halt and hopefully rectify the absurd positioning of our new lamp posts. A number of local residents, HPRA and Councillor Kenneth Harrington managed to persuade Balfour Beatty Living Spaces that some of their new placements were absurd. Perhaps they may even be moved!



OUR LOCAL AMENITIES

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind residents that membership and use of both the Bowls Club and Wellingborough Town Cricket Club is encouraged and welcomed by both clubs.

The cricket season is fast approaching with matches on most weekends from April through to September (weather permitting!) along with some weekday and evening matches. The club is a great place to take a wander up to and enjoy some local cricket. However, on the 26th July WTCC are pleased to welcome the Australian over 60's team who will be playing one of their tour matches at the ground. It's sure to be a great day with plenty of food and drink being made available for spectators to purchase Social membership is available from £10 per season, with the clubhouse and bar open when home matches are played along with every Friday evening from 6pm and Saturday from 12pm (during the cricket season).

Some dates for your diary:

Casino Night – 28th February

Quiz Night – 13th March

Youth Registration – 27th March

Pre-season night with band – 10th April

Youth training starts – 17th April

The Bowls club costs £15 per year for social membership and details can be obtained from the Bowls Club 01933 222 527 or at www.wellbowls.com. There are a number of social events held throughout the year for members to enjoy. Bowling membership is currently available too starting from just £40 for the first year. Bowling takes places regularly throughout the week.