

MORE WELLY APRIL 2019

Date for your Diary

Please note your diaries for our next General Meeting – to be held on Thursday -2nd May 2019 at 7pm - In Oasis Academy Westminster Bridge Road

Gardening sub-group

The gardening sub group currently has 5 members; the group meets with the estate gardeners twice a year for a walk around the estate. We review the condition of the soft landscaping and help inform the gardeners' actions for the coming season. The discussions can include highlighting areas that require increased attention such as assisting with the pensioners' planters.

We are involved with decisions regarding the introduction of new plants and the pruning and relocation of the existing plants.

The groups remit often extends to general maintenance and repairs associated with the grounds.

The group will be involved with any future agreements regarding changes to the estate landscaping that might stem from the Business Planning sub group.

It is not necessary to have any gardening knowledge to be part of the gardening group, just a desire to be involved with maintaining the quality of the estates environment.

Information for Leaseholders

Please note that Lambeth have made some refunds to leaseholders, however this is not evident from the information sent out in the recent service charge notices. If you wish to know what amount has been refunded please contact the Estate Manager.

Rubbish Chutes

Should residents accidentally drop any waste when using the rubbish chutes, would they **please** clear this up from the floor and inside of the chute. It is unsightly/unhealthy.

Please remember to flatten cardboard boxes before placing in the recycling bins. We have a limited number of "green" bins and space is vital to enable all residents to dispose of their recyclable waste.

Rough sleepers- communal areas

If you find a rough sleeper in the communal areas of the Estate, contact the Bishops Safer Neighbourhood Team (020 8731 2731), who will help to move them on and refer them to the appropriate organisations for help.

Useful information

Third Party Insurance for dogs. Having researched the cost of this, it is usually expensive. Dogs owners may like to know that an inexpensive way of insuring their dogs should they e.g. cause an accident, damage something, or attack another dog or person, is by joining Dogs Trust as a member. Telephone No 020 7837 0006. Cost is £25 a year or £12.50 for those over 60, and covers up to 10 dogs!

Resident Profile for the month

Miss Margaret Pope

Margaret has always lived in the Vauxhall/Kennington area and moved on to Wellington Mills about 24 years ago to look after her mother, who was already an Estate tenant. She comes from a family of six brothers and one sister and now has 17 nieces and nephews, 31 great nieces and nephews, and 14 great great nieces and nephews, with another on the way.

After leaving school Margaret started work at Westminster Bank as a clerk/typist. Rising up the ranks of the bank she ended up as a Manager in charge of 70 word-processing operators (ranging in age from 16–60). Although based in the NatWest Tower with the majority of WP operators, some of the operators were in other buildings (Moorgate/Kings Cross), which proved interesting!

With the move to stand-alone computers her role was no longer necessary and when the possibility of early retirement became a reality, she “jumped at the offer” and has never regretted it. She worked for some time in a free-lance capacity doing temporary work covering absences or helping when additional staff was required. This work was very different to the Bank; there was an “in” tray “me” and an “out tray”.

Margaret had to give up this work to look after her mother who had suffered a stroke and had the start of dementia. After caring for her mother Margaret was able to give time to Estate matters and joined the Social Committee and has sold their raffle tickets on the Estate ever since. She has served on the Management Committee on several occasions and is currently a member. She is also on the Communications Committee, producing the "More Welly" and has recently joined the "Business Plan" Committee.

In her spare time Margaret enjoys knitting both for her family and for charity. These include Knitted Chickens for Royal Trinity Hospice (these are stuffed with a Cadbury Cream egg and sold by children at local schools – in 2018 they raised £10,000). Her twiddle -muffs are used as a calming influence for patients with dementia at Kings College Hospital. Information on both these charities is available on the internet if anyone is interested in knitting.

She attends a therapeutic yoga class at Morley College, likes travelling and, though not a cook enjoys eating and drinking.