



## *East Barnet Residents Association*

***Incorporating Friends of Oak Hill Park***

### **Chairman's Message**

#### **IMPORTANT - AGM DATE CHANGE**

Please make a note in your diaries that due to circumstances beyond my control the date of our AGM has been moved forward by a week from Tuesday 14 June to **Tuesday 7th June**.

This has an important consequence in altering the deadlines to 23rd May 5pm for Nominations and 10th May 5pm for Rule change proposals. These need to be received by Rob White [rob@eastbar.net](mailto:rob@eastbar.net) by the above dates.

All of the Officer and nine Committee positions are up for re-election and as I announced in the last newsletter I shall not be seeking re-election and neither is the Treasurer. If you have any questions please email me [d@nhope.co.uk](mailto:d@nhope.co.uk).

Please also submit one side of A4 as a C.V. or 'manifesto' and in the event that the post you are standing for is contested we will publish the details of the candidates in a newsletter before the AGM.

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the AGM. To check your subscription is up to date, please contact Rob. Should any friends or neighbours wish to join, Rob will sign them up!

#### **EAST BARNET FESTIVAL SUNDAY 3 JULY - OUR STALL IS MOVING**

This year our stall is on the move again at the East Barnet Festival! I hope this doesn't cause any confusion. We are moving from inside the tea tent to the main 'market' marquee. We haven't yet been assigned a space so we can't exactly direct you where to find us but just keep an eye out for our yellow banner.

It will be great to see as many of you as possible for a chat and to renew your membership. This year Christine Shields (Newsletter Distribution Officer) is taking responsibility for our effort at the festival. If you have questions or would like to help, Rob can put you in touch with her.

### **Libraries Update**

The Libraries plan was passed unamended at the full Council meeting on 4th April. The five Labour Councillors in our two wards opposed the proposals but they were supported by Lisa Rutter (Conservative, Brunswick Park Ward). The plan had been referred to the full Council meeting by the Children, Education, Libraries & Safeguarding Committee (CELS).

The plan reduces the Library Service budget, so staffed opening hours at Barnet's 14 libraries would be cut and replaced with extended unstaffed or 'Technology enabled opening' hours. The reductions in staffed opening hours at the two libraries in our area are **Osidge** from 39 hours per week to 15.5, and **East Barnet** from 50.5 hours per week to 15

The plan will also reduce floor space, and East Barnet library will be handed over to the community to run where guaranteed opening hours will be 15 hours per week, staffed by volunteers only.

The full plan documents are available on the Council's website (see Item 7):  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ielListDocuments.aspx?CIId=697&MIId=8261>

Wendy has kindly summarised the 630 pages particularly with regard to our area, and you can see her document on our website [http://eastbar.net/library\\_summary.pdf](http://eastbar.net/library_summary.pdf)

## East Barnet Festival

### EBRA stall in the Market Tent on Sunday 3rd July

Summer is coming, and so is the 21st annual East Barnet Festival with a full programme of events before and after the main festival weekend:

**5th June** Illeria Theatre present:

**Danny The Champion Of The World**

(This is a musical version) preceded by a drama workshop for 5-12s at 1.30pm (£4). Come and have some fun with the actors!

**10th July** Immersion Theatre present

**The Wizard Of Oz** - a New musical based on the original story by L. Franz Baum. Workshop for 5-11's from 1.30pm (Tickets £4)

**17 July** Quantum Theatre present

**The Tempest** by William Shakespeare  
His most magical play

**24th July** Quantum Theatre present

**Once Upon A Time** (There Were Four Little Rabbits Peter, Flopsy, Mopsy, and Cotton Tail) by Michael Whitmore

**21st August Happy's Circus** in The Big Top

Preceded by a Workshop for 5 - 12s at 1.30pm  
Tickets £8 - Family of 4 £25

### Fri 1st - Sat 2nd - Sun 3rd July East Barnet Festival

The main **free festival weekend**:

Music - Theatre - Dance - Bar - Crafts - Market - Funfair... and lots of children's stuff in 'Children's World'.

Saturday 2nd July: Paws In The Park

Sunday 3rd July: Cars In The Park - free entry

Theatre in the Park shows start at 3 pm. Bring a low back chair or rug, performances continue regardless of weather. Tickets at the door, half an hour before the performance starts: Adults £12, Concessions £10 Children (4-16's) £6, under 4 years free. Blue Badge Holders use the Parkside Gardens Car Park (a short walk away)

More details at

<http://www.eastbarnetfestival.org.uk/2016/>

Volunteer stewards / festival makers still needed. For further information on events, stall hire or volunteering please phone 0707 178 1745

## Dates for Your Diary

EBRA **All-Members Meetings** at Brookside Methodist Church Hall. All on Tuesdays at 7:30pm:  
7th June (**AGM**) / 13th September / 6th December

Contact: Rob White on [rob@eastbar.net](mailto:rob@eastbar.net) or 020 8144 8469 or 16 Woodfield Drive EN4 8PA

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