



# The Woodsider

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## Letter from the Chairman – a personal view

Ciao fellow Woodsiders (and a happy New Year!!), I was going to start in a multitude of different languages to acknowledge our place in the world but, as this seems a bit dodgy at the moment, an Italian greeting seemed most appropriate!

Last year in March, we were looking forward to the summer's drought, this year it's the snow and floods. How times change!!

Despite the light rain, the Christmas Carol Singing was a huge success and more than sixty people attended with lots of children, all kitted out to keep dry but trying to sing from sodden paper carol sheets! Ah well! There were lots of Christmas lights and we were ably entertained by Hidé on the guitar and Colette who led the singing. Many thanks to you both and many thanks to everyone who helped with coffee, juice, scotch, sweets and stuff all of which made us disregard the rain.

We also held the "One Barnet" debate in late November which was ably chaired by Dr Estelle Phillips and attended by the leader of the Council who spoke for the "One Barnet" campaign and the Jacobsens who spoke against. It was a lively debate and, to some extent, I think that many fears of the unknown were placated. It did not appear to be an exact science and we will have to wait and see what the end result will be. One thing you can bet on, it'll cost us in the long run!

I would like to welcome Alp Karabulut and Nina Sambhi to the committee. We have lost Brian Saker and Girish Menezes and I would like to thank them both for their exertions during their time on the committee.

At long last the roadworks which have disfigured Frith Lane and Sussex Ring most of last year have been completed. We can revert back to some normality. There were four accidents on the Sussex Ring roundabout that we know about when the roadworks took place.

This edition of *The Woodsider* is being delivered to all residents in the Woodside Park Garden Suburb. *The Woodsider* is produced by the Residents Association. Around 90% of the residents in the area belong to the Residents Association.

If you are one of the 10% who have recently arrived in the area or for some reason did not join last year, subscriptions are due to be renewed shortly. The cost is £2.00 per annum and if you would like to join this year, please contact the editor, details overleaf. We look forward to welcoming you.

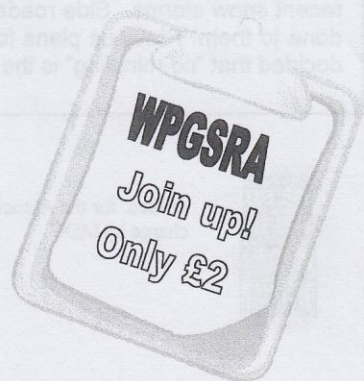
For part of last year Walmington Fold was closed at Sussex Ring which curtailed its use as a rat run. It also stopped cars hurtling down the road as if they are taking part in the Monaco Grand Prix. This is a serious accident just waiting to happen. Comparing Woodside Park to Monaco is perhaps a little bold but with all the water about and the flooding of Dollis Brook and Riverside Walk, I can perhaps be forgiven for thinking that we lived near the sea! Maybe I should have started this letter with a "bonjour" rather than a "ciao" to reflect the Monaco/Woodside Park parallels. Anyway, it has been suggested that the permanent closure of Walmington Fold at the Sussex Ring roundabout would be a good idea. I can see arguments for and against. Some feedback please?

Woodsiders are involved in all sorts of charities and one of these charities is the "Barnet Borough Talking Newspaper" which was stated in 1977 and goes out to the Borough's blind and sight impaired. It is totally run by volunteers and, like many charitable organisations, it is finding life tough at the moment. They are seeking additional volunteers and I am sure you will agree that this is a very worthwhile organisation. Please give a little of your time. Contact the charity on [BBTN@talktalk.net](mailto:BBTN@talktalk.net) or ring 020 8883 8008.

Woodside Park is a London suburb with houses designed for families having front and rear gardens, a garage for the Austin Seven, open spaces, schools, etc. I am not an avid fan of extensions but, if they are in keeping with the general design of the property and they don't cause terracing, then so be it. One resident has now gone too far and has applied to turn a semi-detached house into six flats. Two flats is just not acceptable, six is outrageous. I hope that everyone agrees. The Association has objected in the strongest possible terms to this proposal. If the Council approves the application, I fear that this will be the final nail in the coffin that was once an attractive suburb of London.

No doubt the Council Tax bill and the inflated electric, gas and water invoices will start arriving on the doorstep. Enjoy Spring and all that it brings.

*Robert Shutler*



## Inglis Barracks/Millbrook Park Estate – New School

There has been much pressure on Frith Manor School with the completion of the 450 homes in the development erected so far and many local people in Woodside Park have been unable to send their children to the school because it is full.

You may therefore be pleased to learn that a new three-storey primary school is being proposed and is presently in planning stage (planning ref: H/04386/12). It is to be sited just north of the Scout Park off Frith Lane. It will eventually house 690 pupils under the age of 11, mainly taken from the Millbrook Park Estate and should open in 2014, provided planning permission is granted in time, of course. It opens with 90 pupils and goes up by about this amount every year until 2020. Access is off Frith Lane which is to be widened and provided with a new right turn (similar to the access into Millbrook Park) so this should add to the traffic chaos in Frith Lane which occurs at school opening and closing times.

It also says something about the programme for the works to Millbrook Park. It seems that we shall be suffering with heavy lorries, construction vehicles and such like for the next seven years and completion is not anticipated until 2020 at least.

## Planning Applications over the last couple of months

11A Linkside	Single-storey rear extension and outbuilding in rear garden
1 Sussex Ring	Bakery
11 Pyecombe Corner	First Floor side and rear extensions, loft conversion. Solar panel.
15 Pyecombe Corner	Variations to previously constructed extensions, etc.
166 Chanctonbury Way	Single storey side and rear extension. Conversion of garage into habitable room
46 Cissbury Ring North	Single storey side and rear extension. New detached garage in rear garden.
105 Chanctonbury Way	Conversion into six flats and a multitude of extensions to die for.

## Children's Playground – Riverside Walk

The new playground has been a hit with the children, when the weather permits. We are proposing to extend the playground to provide a multi-sports court, table tennis, chess and a few rides for the older children. All of this is apparently going to cost in the region of £110,000! The scheme has yet to be finally agreed by the Council and we also need to consult with the general public. If you have any comments please let us know. We are looking at various ways of raising the money. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

## Police Report

Burglars are apparently marking properties with twigs or bits of paper to see whether the front door is opened or not. If they find the twigs and bits of paper in place, they return and burgle the house. A man was recently seen trying to open car doors at 5.30am in Walmington Fold. So please keep your eyes open.

From nowhere, Woodside Park (N12) is now the third most burgled area in the UK. Can this be true? Bramley in Leeds and Low Moor in Bradford are first and second respectively.

If you need help, you can call the police on 101 or email [totteridge.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:totteridge.snt@met.police.uk) for the local police.

**Keep safe out there!!**

## Other News

We believe that a new bakery will be opening up where "Melanies" used to be in Sussex Ring. The Council has been issuing all sorts of documents relating to sustainable development which is going to cost everyone a small fortune. Zero carbon housing will be the norm soon. More government madness – because the building materials are not available to achieve this. Our very special thanks go to Blakes, the dry cleaners in Sussex Ring for allowing us to use their electricity free of charge for the carol singing. Thank you also to Nisa for allowing us to put a poster in their shop. Please support your local shops in Sussex Ring. How can it take eight weeks to repair the traffic islands at the Sussex Ring roundabout? Barnet only gritted the main roads in the recent snow storms. Side roads such as Pyecombe Corner and Saddlescombe Way were gritted and cleared by residents – well done to them! Previous plans for the Waste Recycling Plant at Pinkham Way have now been shelved and the Council has now decided that "co-mingling" is the answer. Sounds disgusting but more about this in the next issue!!



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## Letter from the Chairman – a personal view

At long last, summer appears to have got going this year. The sun is out, the sky is blue and Woodside Park is looking very green and pleasant, despite all of the building works taking place, the extensions, the gable ends, houses in the back gardens, two storey-side extensions and basements.

The “Big Lunch” in Riverside Walk by Dollis Brook was held at the beginning of June and was a great success. Again, we were lucky with the weather and many people turned up with their children, brought their Sunday lunch, sat on the grass, enjoyed the Punch and Judy show and generally chilled in sunshine. Not only that, some 200 questionnaires regarding the playground extension were also completed and these are now being processed by the Council.

There are lots of different ideas about the playground extension. We do need to take into account the auricular capacity (that’s the amount of sound that people want to listen to!) of residents who live on the fringe of Riverside Walk in Walmington Fold. The renovated playground has caused a big increase in noise levels and whilst it is always nice to hear children enjoying themselves, it can become a little wearing after a while. We will need to find a sensible compromise.

Although it is not in our area exactly, the Woodside Park Club in Southover has made a planning application to extend their premises to upgrade the changing facilities for the people who use the place for sporting activities. The proposed architecture is very modern and for this reason the application has been deferred. I just don’t understand this anti-modern architecture feeling. Why does everything have to be a copy of what has been built in the past? This pastiche architecture is rather boring although I would not want to see anything different to house extensions and the like. In this case, I think the architecture has to match the house otherwise it will resemble a mess. There are a few examples of this in Woodside Park. So, if you are considering an extension, please try and keep the design in keeping with the house and the materials you use in keeping with the existing materials.

I have heard nothing but good reports about the recently opened Finchley Memorial Hospital. I hope that you would not have to use it, but if the occasion should so arise, this should, perhaps, be your first port of call.

Once again the police seem to be reorganising their forces and, on the face of it, for the better. But it seems to me that these reorganisations are only done to save money.... so? In the Totteridge and Whetstone district (which is us!!) we now have a dedicated police sergeant, six or seven police constables and two community support offices (when there were previously four). It is hoped that police can be moved from area to area as and when they are needed. However, it seems to me that this is just a ploy to cut down the number of police (thus saving money) and it is quite possible that we shall never see the six or seven police constables as they will always be required in areas of Barnet where “real” crime is much higher. Burglaries don’t count. Am I being too cynical? Mmm – I don’t think so.

Thanks to Erdem, our website is getting a revamp and update and hopefully we will be able to keep you more up to date with everything. We hope to upload all of the past Woodsiders going back to 1955 and keep you posted regarding the latest news, events, planning applications and suchlike. There is quite a lot of work involved with this so please be patient.

The Woodsider Party is a bit later this year due to bookings at the Old Finchleians. There is therefore no excuse not to have put this date in your diary – see details below.

Enjoy the reminder of the summer. See you at the Woodsider Party when you can ask the Councillors probing questions! Put the date in your diary.

*Robert Shutler*



## WOODSIDER PARTY/AGM WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012

at OLD FINCHLEIANS CLUBHOUSE, SOUTHOVER  
Starting 8.00pm Entry £6.00 to include food and wine

**Background music**

*Please do come along and meet your neighbours, the  
Councillors and your Committee*

## Inglis Barracks/Millbrook Park Estate – Progress

The new link road between Frith Lane and Bittacy Hill has been completed but cannot yet be used. The access road and junction for the new school has also been made. Frith Lane becomes less and less the leafy Lane that we all used to know and love. Houses and flats are popping up at an amazingly fast rate. Who knows what congestion all of this is going to cause when the roads, school, houses, flats, etc. are finished. It is bad enough now and can only get worse. The Council was well and truly conned by all of the so-called traffic reports prepared by the developers, despite the fact that the Council also asked for an independent report. One day, common sense amongst the elected few and the officers who advise them will prevail but, I fear, not in my lifetime and it will all be too late.

## Planning Applications over the last couple of months

3 Saddlescombe Way	Single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, loft conversion
71 Chanctonbury Way	Single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, loft conversion
82 Lullington Garth	Single storey side extension with pitched roof
3 Sussex Ring	Retention of four air conditioning units at back
39 Singleton Scarp	Single storey front, side and rear extension
14 Walmington Fold	Single storey side extension

In the last issue of the Woodsider, we suggested that the owner of **74 Walmington Fold** had carried out various extensive alterations to the house without planning permission. We have been asked by the owner to advise you that he did obtain planning permission from the Council for the extensions. It is just that he built something different - which is what caused the enforcement order and the subsequent appeal. If you build something different – you don’t have planning permission. It’s as simple as that. The Council has advised us that, in the future, they are going to be a lot stricter with people who do not comply with planning approvals and we say “hurrah” to that.

## Nick Gardner RIP

It is with great sadness we report that Nick Gardner has recently passed away after a long illness. He has lived in the area for a long time and he joined the Association in 1998. He was immediately involved in pressurising the Council to re-open Partingdale Lane. His tenacity and joined-together thinking was one of the main reasons it was possible to re-open Partingdale Lane. He was the Association’s secretary for six years and retired from the main committee in 2005. Notwithstanding his retirement, he was always reliable and available to help, particularly in connection with the Inglis Barracks development. He was always prepared to read, digest and contribute his thoughts regarding the reams of verbal mumbo-jumbo issued by the Council. He delivered the Woodsider until very recently and also collected subscriptions. He was a kind and generous, genuinely intelligent man and will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences go to his lovely wife, Peggy and his family.

## Yellow lines

Selfish parking across driveways, on corners, on grass verges, on pavements still persists. There is no end to it and the day when yellow lines pervade our leafy suburb draws ever nearer. We have managed to resist parking restrictions for many years now but unless people start to park properly and with consideration for others, the yellow lines and restricted parking arrangements will happen to the detriment of us all.

## Co-Mingling (yet again)

We have been pulled up with a roundturn by Councillor Alison Cornelius regarding co-mingling!

In the last issue, we said that we would be having two bins and a basket. Alison tells us that we shall actually be having three bins (a black one, a green one and a spanking new blue one - hurrah!) and one separate basket for food waste. We are not sure about the colour of the food waste basket but half expect it to be a sickly yellowish orange!



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## Letter from the Chairman – a personal view

Well! Weatherwise, this summer was certainly much better than I thought it was going to be. For all those who were not around for the summer, we enjoyed glorious weather, empty-ish streets, pleasant driving experiences due to the quieter than normal roads, winning the Ashes and briefly seeing the Barnet Bees top of the league (albeit they have now moved down the league and live in the nether regions of Harrow!).

Offham Slope and Saddlescombe Way have both been repaved and now appear very presentable. Volker Highways carried out the work and I have to say that the two guys who carried out most of the labour were courteous, very reasonable and understanding and thoroughly decent chaps which made putting up with the disruption for several weeks rather more pleasant than it might have been. Well done to them!

I have received various comments from residents regarding the speed of traffic in Walmington Fold. This is a serious accident waiting to happen and I have, in previous Woodsiders, suggested various solutions. The latest is to put signs up asking traffic to slow down. I think most people agree that we do not want to see humps or obstacles. Doing 40 or 50mph down Walmington Fold is a totally selfish way to drive and does not respect the use of the road by pedestrians, cyclists, children, pigeons, cats, foxes and suchlike. Asking drivers to slow down by installing illuminating signs does seem rather obvious and apparently it does work.

Furthermore, there was a serious accident the other day in Chanctonbury Way involving four vehicles. Again, this was due to speeding traffic running from Southover to Sussex Ring. When cars are parked on both sides of Chanctonbury Way, traffic cannot pass (especially buses and vans). Vehicles must be slowed down. Various suggestions have again been made but we revert back to the illuminated sign. There is a petition around to support such a proposal and you can find this on <http://chn.ge/16kPAf0> Please sign the petition and show support for slowing down traffic.

It is intended to present the petition to the Council and hopefully we will get some action.

Barnet Council has now outsourced the planning department as part of its One Barnet policy. I had the misfortune to have to speak to the planning department the other day. Instead of talking to a non-responsive person working directly for the Council, we now have to talk to a non-responsive person in some private company. The good news about this (or so we are told) is the fact that this non-responsiveness is now much more efficient! Hallelujah to that!

We welcome the new shop in Sussex Ring, Michael's boulangerie, patisserie and brasserie and wish it success. It seems to be half-shop and half-café. We now have two cafes which both appear to be well frequented. This does bring about an increase in parking locally. The roads immediately surrounding Sussex Ring are becoming more and more heavily congested. There is also a good deal of selfish parking across drives, on grass verges, by traffic islands, etc. Surely it cannot be too much to ask people to consider others when parking their vehicles - even if it is just for a short time (as was the excuse I heard the other day!)

I have been accused of whingeing a bit in this Newsletter although I try to be positive. The Suburb is a lovely place to live but it has changed dramatically over the past decade and, being a bit older, I suppose I am resistant to change.

What doesn't change though is the annual Woodsider Party at the end of October – see below for details. It's just £6 and this includes food, drink and a lively ambience in the Old Finchleians Clubhouse just beyond Chanctonbury Way. There are lots of good folk to chat to including your local Councillors. Theresa Villiers, our MP, has not yet confirmed whether she can attend. She spends much time in Northern Ireland these days and it is not so easy for her. Anyway, I hope to see you there. Please put the date in your diary.

Robert Shutler



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## Riverside Walk Children's Playground

The existing playground has been very successful and it is proposed to extend the playground to provide additional facilities. A consultation has been held earlier this year and the results of the consultation are being evaluated. The exact nature of the playground extension has yet to be finalised but it is hoped that one of the old tennis courts will be refurbished as an all-weather court for various sports and that various additional rides will also be installed. The whole process is rather long, bureaucratic and consequently convoluted so please have some patience whilst we try to sort this out. More news soon.

## Planning Applications over the last couple of months

7 Wolstonbury	Retention of front porch
69 Walmington Fold	Part single, part two storey rear extension, 6m rear extension
18 Saddlescombe Way	Hip to gable roof extension, rear dormer, Juliet balcony, front rooflights
50 Cissbury Ring South	Rear conservatory

## Viruses and Scams

There are a number of computer scams around at the moment, some of which are very realistic. Do be careful when dealing with these rogue emails. Bin them immediately! Absolutely do NOT respond. Just remember that your bank will contact you by name and will never ask you to send your details to them, will never change your details, block your account, ask for pin numbers, debit or credit card details or anything else like that. We won't either!! In fact, any email you receive which purports to be from your Bank or Credit/Debit Card Company is almost certainly a scam unless it is addressed to you personally.

This summer oak trees, larches, horse chestnuts, finches and sparrows have all suffered from viruses. The birds have died and the trees are suffering badly. This is not due to computer scams.

## Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Project in Barnet By Dr Estelle Phillips

Residents may be interested to hear of a presentation made by Martin Russell, Her Majesty's Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Barnet and chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee in Barnet. He spoke of the Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Project in Barnet which is to install a "Gateway" at the Hatchcroft and College Buildings of Middlesex University in The Burroughs, Hendon that celebrates the Queen's 60 years of service to the country. This Gateway is to consist of 60 wooden columns which are in fact tree trunks of specially selected woods. It will be paid for by a variety of donors, both private and organizational.

The website at [http://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/article/303/fundraising\\_drive\\_to\\_install\\_diamond\\_jubilee\\_gateway\\_in\\_barnet](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/article/303/fundraising_drive_to_install_diamond_jubilee_gateway_in_barnet) is most informative and includes an animated impression of the completed project. The whole project is apolitical and is expected to be completed by the end of next summer. It will be opened by a member of the Royal Family.

It is hoped that each of the sixty columns, all of a different size depending on the birth-rate of that year (the higher the birth-rate, the bigger the column), will be marked with a date representing one of Her Majesty's years on the throne. There will be an interactive learning hub around the site directing visitors to a dedicated website with key facts and information. The project committee is aiming to raise £300,000 in total. Much of this has already been raised. New donors (for example a Residents Association) can put something 'personal' on permanent show, perhaps a photo of a street party or words summarizing the work, history, contribution, whatever of the organization or specific people/person to be honoured.

## Co-Mingling (for the last time!) and Big Brother

The bin collections have now been in-sourced - to be run by the Council. We assume you have now all received your new blue bin and not one, but two, brown food waste baskets. Please use these carefully because there are little computer chips on your blue and brown baskets to make sure you do what you are told to do! Big Brother has finally arrived. If you take the sticky labels with the computer code off the back of the bins they can't check you out.

This is so TOTALLY OUT OF ORDER. Why do we elect people to spy on us? Bear this in mind at the next election.



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Summer and autumn seemed to have whizzed by and here we are back in winter again. This year, the electricity and gas bills have risen another 10% and heating is becoming a luxury and not something that everyone can afford. Please be a good neighbour if there is anyone you know suffering from cold this winter.

Winter brings its own problems, not least of which are the wretched burglars. It seems that burglary and crime generally in Barnet has risen sharply again. Everyone must keep an eye open. It's horrible being burgled. If you think something untoward is happening in your neighbour's property phone the police on 111. If you are sure - phone 999.

The Woodsider Party in October was fun. There was delicious food, quite a lot of drink and much good humour. I hope that all of you who attended enjoyed the event. My particular thanks go to the WPRA Committee (and my wife, Trish), who helped with the organisation and produced the food. Appreciation should also go to John Bowra at the Old Finchleians who ran the bar and generally looked after those who needed looking after.

Our MP Theresa Villiers attended the Woodsider Party together with our three local Councillors. It was good of them all to take time out to visit our little soiree. Theresa was admonished about the Government's planning policies and the adverse effects these seem to have on our suburb and Barnet generally. The Councillors had to answer sharp and sometimes perceptive questions about Council activities.

I try to talk about different issues in this newsletter but it often seems to end up with the same old things. People are still pontificating about refuse collection and all of the bins that seem to be required in order to carry out this simple task. At least ten bins of varying colours sit outside Real Estates in Sussex Ring This is very much an eyesore and something should be done about it.

I understand that these bins belong to the flats above the

shops. If these flats cannot have bins within their own boundary then, like other areas in the borough, they should be given bags and the bins should be taken away. It is quite ridiculous and extremely unedifying that pedestrians should have to walk around the streets looking at and dodging the multi-coloured rather ugly plastic wheelie bins that make up Barnet's refuse collection cycle. This may all be in the name of "greenness and ecology" and there may be numerous European directives which suggest that we need to collect waste like this but I cannot see why we have to put up with all of these bins which opened up after the recent high winds resulting in rubbish being strewn across the streets.

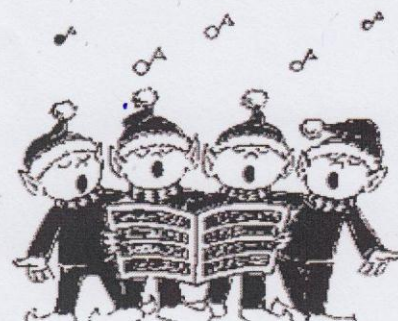
The foxes are having a wonderful time and seem to be thriving on feeding from the new bins (especially the brown bins). I stopped one fox the other day with a brown bin in its mouth and thought it had been shopping at Sainsburys. I have recently noticed many more foxes in my garden scaring the life out of the local feline population and our feathery friends. Will urban foxhunting ever be a sport?

I was also inundated the other day by quite a large number of green parakeets who took over the garden and attacked our cat. What with foxes and parakeets, the cat is becoming paranoid and frightened to venture into the garden. There is a strange parallel here with us older folk being alarmed about all of the changes that are taking place in Woodside Park, both visually and culturally. It's apparently called progress and one resident has suggested that I move out rather than make any attempts to preserve the attractive suburb that some of us once knew and loved.

We have the Annual Carol Singing this year detailed below. Last year the weather was good and we had a fantastic turnout of ninety people or so. Let's make it a hundred this year! This is always a fun occasion for all denominations and a grand occasion for children and adults alike. Coffee, a touch of scotch, sweets for the kids, our resident guitarist and opera singer leading the singing. How better can it be to enter the festive spirit?

I hope to see you at the Carol Singing.

*Robert Shutler*



## CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER at 4.30pm  
at Sussex Ring  
CHILDREN ESPECIALLY WELCOME  
Free Refreshments

## Christmas Message from the Police

The Metropolitan Police Service is narrowing in on commercial markets that buy and sell second-hand goods as part of its crackdown against burglary under Operation Bumblebee, while reminding Londoners to take precautions to secure their homes.

Police officers have been visiting second hand traders, inviting them to sign up to a voluntary agreement to restrict the sale of stolen property and allow police to examine stock. These agreements help to ensure second hand shops and stalls do not purchase stolen property. It also means that customers have an increased confidence in their purchases.

Burglary exists as a crime because there is a market for the stolen property to be sold, whether it is through commercial premises, stalls or individuals selling cut-price items. Therefore by taking action against the handling of stolen goods correlates towards the prevention of burglary.

Those retailers or individuals found handling stolen goods will be arrested and will face prosecution.

Police encourage second hand traders to exercise caution when it comes to taking in items and should contact police immediately if they notice suspicious behaviour on the part of a client or suspect items of being stolen.

We should remind the public to be wary of anyone selling cut-price goods, especially if buying presents for Christmas. If that item is stolen, it is a criminal offence and such member of the public will be liable for prosecution.

## Planning Applications over the last couple of months

74 Walmington Fold	Retention of alterations to front porch
26 Walmington Fold	4 m Single storey rear extension
81 Walmington Fold	6 m Single storey rear extension
6 Walmington Fold	6 m Single storey rear extension
3 Sussex Ring	Relocation of five air conditioning units at rear of supermarket
71 Chanctonbury Way	Single storey side and rear extensions, first floor side extension, roof extension for loft conversion and various external alteration

## Alan Blake

Alan Blake ran the dry cleaners in Sussex Ring and has been established there for twenty-six years. He was only 54 and died of a heart attack at the beginning of November. He was always a staunch supporter of the Association and we are sad to hear of his sudden departure. Our condolences go to his family and he will be sorely missed.

## Your Residents' Association

When collecting subscriptions, we are often asked what we actually do.

The Association is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers which covers the 861 households in the estate. It is a member of FORAB (Federation of Residents' Associations in the London Borough of Barnet).

The Association exists to preserve and improve the amenities enjoyed by its members in the Woodside Park Garden Suburb. It does so principally by meetings and correspondence with the Council, Metropolitan Police and other service providers including, in particular, our Member of Parliament, our Ward Councillors and our Borough Commander. It also arranges social activities for its members and produces at least five issues of the Woodsider annually.

Lately, the Association has been involved with proposed planning atrocities, protecting residents' existing amenities and disputes between neighbours.

The Association has also recently been involved with the design and installation of the new children's playground at Riverside, re-opening Partingdale Lane to through traffic, liaising with the Council over the Millbrook Park development, applying pressure for the preservation of footpaths in Totteridge Valley, removal of graffiti, consulting regarding road traffic generally and applying pressure for more police resources.

Finally, the Association seeks to promote harmony and understanding between all residents whatever their creed, colour, age, sex and disposition.



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