

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association



"It has been another very encouraging period for the Residents' Association and I am hoping that we are starting to build a strong community spirit. We really want to respond to any concerns that residents have so please speak to one of the committee if there is something you think we should hear about.

We are fully aware that the footpaths and twittens are a major problem on Manor Park and now that the Association is established we will endeavour to address this issue.

If you are not already a member, please seriously consider joining us. Our voice is more powerful if we have larger membership numbers so that we can achieve more.

I hope to meet you at our forthcoming events."

Paul Sparks, Chairman

Surgery Car Service on the road!

We are pleased to report that this service is now helping residents, who have transport difficulties, visit their Doctor. It serves both the **Meads Medical Centre** and the **Bird In Eye Surgery**. The service is run entirely by volunteers, with two coordinators and six drivers, who take it in turns to cover Monday to Friday each week.

And so if you, or someone you know, need help with transport across town to visit your Doctor, and you live on Manor Park, Hempstead Fields, or in Streatfeild House or Shaftesbury Court then you qualify for this new service - you don't have to be a member

There is a fixed charge of just **£3.50** for each return journey.

We operate Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.30pm. Advance bookings only.

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call us Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, between 9 and 10.30am or 4 to 5.30pm, to make a booking or for more information.

Discount Shopping !!!

A new benefit exclusive to Association members is now available – a discount from several of our local shops and businesses.

We have enlisted the support of a variety of High Street shops and local businesses all of which have kindly agreed to offer a discount to our members on production of their membership card – **see page 4** for a list of the first nine participating businesses.

Not only is this a great benefit for members but businesses also see it as an incentive for people to shop locally, supporting the local economy.

Members who have mislaid their membership card can get another from our Secretary, Peter Griggs – see page 3 for his contact details.

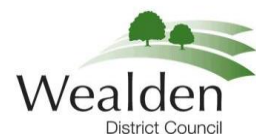
Pictured here is **Maureen Macve** one of our volunteer Surgery Car Service drivers



Open Day and Safety Event **Uckfield Fire Station, Bell Road**

Tuesday 8th April, 10.30am to 1.30pm

Penalty shoot-out competition
Face painting (10.30 - 12.30)
Children's entertainer Community Safety
Fire Engines Arts and Crafts Refreshments



Community and Regeneration Team

Some thoughts from a Committee member

Quite often someone says to me that your Residents' Association should do something about this or that, or report a problem to the appropriate authority.

The thing is though, the Residents' Association isn't mine or the committee's it's everyone's. It's all about keeping our place as pleasant as possible and working well. Here are a couple of ideas of things that anyone can do:

- First report any problems to the relevant authority. It may seem that, with budget cuts etc. nothing will happen but the squeakiest wheel gets the oil.
- Share your skills or a bit of your time to Residents' Association or other local initiatives. It's a great way of getting to know people and can be good fun.
- Look out for meetings like the Police street meetings. They are a good way to find out what is going on.
- Last but not least we are always really happy to hear from people that are willing to act as a local street representative for the Association or help us with delivering this newsletter.

Questions Answered – Browns Lane

Nearly 50 residents attended our *Question Time* evening at Manor School in November. The Police, Wealden Council, the Fire Service and County Highways were all present and so residents had an excellent opportunity to quiz the panel on local issues.

One of the main talking points of the evening was whether a crossing could be installed at the bottom of Browns Lane for the safety of youngsters on the way to school. Various options were considered but as always these days cost will be a deciding factor.

One solution we thought might be feasible is a school crossing patrol, but the on-going annual cost of this looks prohibitive. We do know that it will be essential to recruit a volunteer or volunteers to man the patrol – could you help? If so please let us know.

A summary of the evening's discussions can be found on our 'Events' webpage - www.manorparkhempfieldsresidents.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

AGM Manor Primary School 3rd July 7pm
Our second Annual General Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday, 3rd July when the Chairman will present his Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and the Chairman and Committee will be elected. This year the date has been brought forward from November so that it is closer to the end of the Association's financial year.

St George's Day 23rd April

We have some ideas how you can mark the day, keep an eye on Facebook and Tweets.

The Big Lunch 2014 Sunday 1st June

After the success of last year's Big Lunch we plan to hold it again this year. But we do need some help. For example could you help us run one of the activities? If so speak to our Secretary – contact details on page 3.



Adam's Dog Walking Service

- Walking
- Sitting
- Daily Minding

Please call Adam Scott to find out more about our dog walking service . . .

01825 760536 07717 458807
adamscot119@yahoo.co.uk

Like to Join Us?

We are trying to recruit as many residents as possible to make the Association an even more robust and viable organisation providing an authoritative voice for all in our community.

All we ask for is **£5 per year** per household. Hopefully you will feel that this provides good value for money especially now members can get discounts from several local businesses.

A membership application form and a standing order mandate are printed on **page 4**.

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Keeping in Touch – Community Noticeboard in Tesco Express

Facebook, Twitter and email are all wonderful ways of keeping in touch but we know that not everyone can, or maybe wants to, use them.

Consequently we now also use the Community Noticeboard in Tesco's Express (just inside the door) to display posters notifying residents about our events and meetings.

Thank You Town Council

The Residents' Association was delighted to have been awarded a £200 grant by the Town Council to assist with setting up the Surgery Car Service. Thank you for your support Uckfield Town Councillors.



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Three of our members will be pedalling hard to raise money for charity. **Sid Martin**, will be cycling from London to Amsterdam for The *National Autistic Society*. Sid has an autistic son and knows the challenges faced by people with autism in their families. His aim is to raise £3000 in June. Best friends **Emma Luck** and **Emma Hyland** will be in the *Prudential Ride 100* in August to raise money for the *British Heart Foundation*. Emma lost 8 stone following the British Heart Foundation's healthy eating diet plan. Their aim is to get 300 people to donate £2 each. To donate to either of these tough challenges please visit:
www.justgiving.com/2emmas100 and/or <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/sidmartin>



SHOPPERS DISCOUNT SCHEME

We thank these shops and businesses which are the first to support us in this initiative:

- ✓ *Caesars Fine Italian Food* **10% off all food and drink**
- ✓ *Footcraft* **10% off sales and repairs**
- ✓ *Fross Wedding Collections* **£150 of accessories when spending £1000 or more**
- ✓ *Josefina Gifts* **5% off all retail sales (excl. 'Autentico' products)**
- ✓ *Lorena Spanish Lessons* **5 lessons for price of 4 (call Lorena on **07526 890 607**)**
- ✓ *Noble Wines* **10% off all wine (excluding current offers)**
- ✓ *Parade Radio* **10% off all retail sales**
- ✓ *George Moss* **10% off sales (excluding pre-owned)**
- ✓ *The Ringles Cross* **10% off pre-booked table for 2 (excl. Bank Hols, Mother/Father Days)**

DON'T FORGET YOU NEED TO SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

Join the Association and get your £5 subscription back after only just one or two purchases!

Apply here to join the MP & HF Residents' Association

Subscriptions fall due on 1st January each year. The subscription is **£5.00** per household per calendar year.

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Having completed this form, please deliver to: Peter Griggs, Secretary MPHFA, 2 Woodlands Close, TN22 1TS.