

This Is Your Community Newsletter

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Hi! Sunny spells and higher temperatures are just some of the reminders that the summer is on its way and, with that, many summer activities which we are now planning. It will kick start with the Fun Day on the 4 July and then it will follow onto the Summer Programme with organised activities for young people and families over a six week period. We are at the same time launching our new initiatives with Silver Fit, Millwall FC and London Youth and are hoping that all this will create a new buzz with a very positive atmosphere for the duration of the warmer months ahead!

Eva Christmas, Community Development Officer.

Dates for you Diary

FUN DAY

2015

**Saturday 4 July,
12 noon – 4.00pm**

Our main community event of the year is fast approaching, and we'd like to remind you of the date, and hoping that it has long been marked in your calendar. The events committee has been busy planning this event for the past 6 months and are hoping to bring all our residents out in the open on the day, and have fun times together with plenty on offer for everyone. The activities will range from bouncy castles and slides, face painting and an entertainer for the under 5's to a football tournament aimed at our young people. Pensioner's Coffee morning members will run tea, coffee and a cake stand and will have a dedicated seating area. If this is not enough, we are hoping that the smell of a sizzling barbecue will draw you in. Last year, the excellence of the barbecue caused a bit of a sensation as it was reported to be of a superb quality, prepared by our local expert! With gardening activities, screen printing and jewellery workshops, various games such as hook a duck, flower grinding by our local Windmill, and the presence of the local Territorial Army and fire brigade, not to mention the 5-a-side football tournament, there will be plenty to do. If we add to this, a DJ and an organised stage performance, with the Roupell Park Talent show, a surprise celebrity visit and an opportunity to win a raffle prize, we are talking about a pretty packed event. The only downer, as to any open event, could be a bad weather spell but then we are counting on your loyalty to turn up irrespective of the weather conditions. Just to conclude, if you are willing to join our group of volunteers to help set up on the day or take on a task during the event, then please call Eva on 07983 584767 or on 020 7926 0314. We really need your help!

Roupell Park has got Talent

If you are not shy about performing in front of an audience, and are between 11 and 19 years of age (a bit younger and a bit older will do but with substantial talent), and you have got a performance worthy talent, please join the 'Roupell Has got a Talent' group. The aim is that the top 5 acts would perform on a stage at the Fun Day, on 4 July. If you are too shy to perform solo, there will also be a rehearsed group performance. The audience will choose the main winner on the day and there will be a prize as a reward for the hard work that went into this.

These preparatory sessions will start on Saturday 6 June and will be held at our RP community centre, next to Hyperion House, from 11am – 2.00pm, for 5 consecutive weeks, as a run up to the main event.

If you are interested, please ring Christian or Johnson: 07706 179 851 or Eva Christmas on 07983 584 767.

New Initiative

Football sessions on the Estate in partnership with Millwall Community Trust Fun Day Launch

Thank you very much for those who have filled out and returned questionnaires - this has helped to identify how to run the preliminary football sessions with Millwall Football Club, here on our Estate. We are very excited to announce that this new partnership will be launched on the **4 July**, at our **Fun Day** – where the Millwall For All Trust will be in charge of the 5-a-side Football tournament. Courtesy of the Club, the winning team will be given Club shirts and, along with medals, a trophy and vouchers.

After the Fun Day, the next planned sessions with their coaches will run throughout the 6 weekly summer break, on Thursdays and Fridays starting on the 30 July. For more detail, please wait for the Summer Programme brochure to be released, and delivered through your letter box in mid July!



Opportunity to get involved in construction on the Estate!

As part of the Build-It programme, young people from 16 – 25 years of age, have a chance to gain work experience in construction, right on their doorstep and gain an accredited industry certificate. This is a great way of accessing employment opportunities in this field. For more info, please ring Ben on 07736 619608 This programme starts **NOW**, with the refurbishment works in our Internet Cafe!!

Scaffolding & Major Works to Roupell Park

Everyone will have noticed that there is scaffolding being erected across the estate. This is part of a programme to refurbish the whole of the outside of the estate and will include every block other than Capel Lodge. This will include putting in new windows to Hyperion House and Warnham House.

The big problem is as I am sure you will know is the need to prevent more concrete falling from the blocks, particularly from the walkways, private balconies and other areas of the blocks. This is a risk both to people walking around the estate and also to the structure of the estate over the long term.

Until work is complete, you are advised not to walk directly underneath any of the blocks. You are also advised not to use your individual balconies as there is a real risk of concrete falling onto them.



There will be two stages:

1. Scaffolding will be erected up to the first floor with an overhang that will stop any falling concrete from hitting the ground. We will also be putting up fencing around the blocks to prevent anyone getting onto the scaffolding. We know that this will have a particular impact on anyone living on the ground floor, but the work is needed to keep people safe.
2. Once this is completed we will start on doing the main work. We will do this in phases, starting with Tanhurst, Outwood and Thursley. We will let you know when the other blocks will be done once the full programme is developed. We will also let you know the full details of the work but it will require scaffolding up to the full height of most blocks. Works to each block should last between 8 and 12 weeks.

The biggest and most disruptive area of the work is in relation to the concrete repairs. This work will inevitably be both very noisy and dirty. We are currently looking at ways of providing respite accommodation for people to go to during the day. However we will not be able to contemplate moving people from their homes on a temporary basis.

We expect that the programme will last for about 1 year. We are committed to keeping everyone informed and we will therefore produce regular news letters ensuring that you are kept up to date.

Remember – you are more vulnerable to burglaries when the scaffolding is up. Keep your windows shut if you are not in a room and you should also notify your insurance company.



Happy 100th Birthday to Mrs Sylge!

Our tenant, Mrs Sylge, turned 100 years of age on the 28th May! We went to congratulate her on her birthday in her home, and we found her with her closest family members, with her son and daughter, reading through many cards and surrounded by a beautiful bouquet of flowers and the gifts which she received from her family and friends. There was also a very special card from the Queen, which Mrs Sylge was especially proud of!

Happy birthday Mrs Sylge and we wish you many more to come!

The main celebration was on the following Saturday, when she was taken out to her favourite restaurant by her family.

Mrs Sylge with the Queens card – looking a fraction of her age! Mrs Sylge, you are one of a kind!



Homework Club

Homework Club has been successfully delivering weekly sessions since September '14, every Wednesday and Thursday from 5.00 – 7.00pm in our RP Community Center.

The last day for their session for this term is 16th July. There will be a break for summer holiday, and then the sessions will restart in the second week of Sept 2015. Spaces still available for new students – ring RP Office if you'd like your child to attend next year's sessions and to reserve a space!

How to get in touch

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Our opening times are:

Monday	8.30 - 5.00pm
Tuesday	9.00 - 5.00pm
Wednesday	9.00 - 1.00pm (close half day for staff training)
Thursday	8.30 - 5.00pm
Friday	9.00 - 4.00pm

