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## Newsletter - October 2013

### Chairman's Report

Like a teacher writing an end-of-term report:  
Highbury Fields: Could do better.

So what can I find on the Plus side in our area to report to you? The Highbury Roundhouse has leapt one high hurdle – they have Planning Permission for their new building – now the continued battle to get the necessary funding. There has been a long and close connection with the HFA, so we wish them well. Read Tony Miller's article on page 4.

We are also so pleased that the Council have (finally?) won the battle to stop Arsenal building the 25 storey student tower in Hornsey Road, which would have violated the borough's Tall Buildings policy and opened the door to a spate of very tall buildings in all the wrong places.

For decades Islington Council had seemed to be in thrall to Arsenal, seldom opposing their wishes, so it has been good that the LBI has also opposed an application by them to increase the number of non-foot-

ball events from 6 to 9; 6 of them to be music concerts.

Arsenal have appealed with a hearing by a Planning Inspector in December. The closing date for submissions was 10th October. So let us hope our quiet summer evenings are not to be further disturbed by noisy crowds and helicopters and our children have the necessary peace to study for their exams.

And, yes, the unfortunate road width restriction in Drayton Park that was the cause of a number of road accidents has finally been removed, which is good. However poor, it did manage to greatly reduce the number of lorries using those roads as a shortcut.

Excellent news is that the lengthy period of reconstruction at Highbury Fields School has come to an end. At the Open Day on October 11th visitors were able to see the greatly improved facilities and appreciate how much better it will be for students and teachers alike.

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### AGM - All Welcome

On Monday, 4th November, 2013

At Christ Church, Highbury Grove, London N5

7.15 for 7.30pm

Guest Speaker: **Ray Attfield**, Architect, will speak on "Mending the whole. Highbury – What might have been, what should have been."

But there are Minuses – low marks in this Report. Still no definite sign that funds can be found to improve the important buildings on the Fields; the Oasis café and the Bandstand for toddlers. People are reporting areas with poor grass, potentially hazardous cracks in the turf – produced by the heavy lorries of the Irvin Funfair? There were times after hot summer evenings when the litter once again was too great and the bins too few.

Islington has had huge cuts to swallow. The budgets have had to be slashed, with parks coming fairly low down on the pecking order. Bhupesh Thapa intends in his autumn turf maintenance to fill the cracks that have appeared, but warns that they will reappear. They are to be found in all the parks in the borough and I have noted them in various parts of the Fields for over 30 years. Probably mainly caused by the damage to the drainage pipes from a long succession of heavy lorries. Bhupesh also intends to spike all the turf, add soil in places and attempt to reduce the plantain growing where the grass is thin.

You will find inside this newsletter more than the usual accounts of botanical matters: wild flowers; dealing with a wildlife area; overcrowded trees plus Carrick James' annual account of the wildlife in his small back garden.

*Martin Jones*

## **World Premiere of 'Highbury Fields'**

On a warm Sunday evening in June, my wife, Pamela, and I were fortunate enough to attend a World Premiere! Islington Choral Society (ICS) commissioned this new work to mark its 40th anniversary. For many years the choir has rehearsed at Christ Church and at the Highbury Baptist Church, both bordering Highbury Fields. So they decided that it

was particularly appropriate that Highbury Fields should be the subject of this new commission. Brian Inglis, a local composer who lives and works in North London, was chosen to compose the music. He chose an idea partly based on Sondheim's "*Sunday in the Park with George*". The lyricist, Charles Hart, was selected to contribute text. It was agreed that the theme should focus on a sunny summer Sunday on Highbury Fields and feature a variety of characters going about their business. The vocal score was completed in March 2013. The work falls into six sections and is scored for mixed chorus and orchestra with a substantial percussion section. This first performance took place in the wonderful Cadogan Hall in Chelsea on 30th June 2013. There was a tremendous buzz of anticipation in the crowded foyer before the performance and it was pleasing to see several Highbury residents in the audience.

The music was modern, innovative and interesting to listen to. The six sections of text followed the day through from early morning to late evening. The characters brought to life in the music – an eclectic mix – included a dun coloured dog, the sun itself, a plump nurse, a mad old major, Chinese business men in lycra, dads taking kids out, a shop girl texting her friends, students and teenagers, a Polish doctor, weary mothers and general strollers. (Recognise anyone you know there...?!). It's a very poetic work and gives an impression of the business and energy of people pursuing their own activities around Highbury Fields.

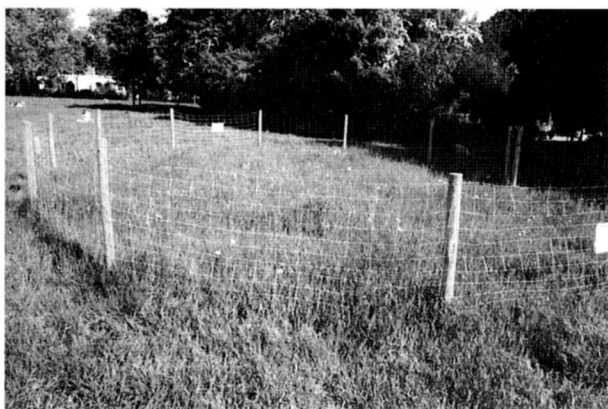
The orchestra was the very strong Camden Chamber Orchestra with enhanced brass and percussion sections.

We certainly hope that ICS will bring their next performance of this imaginative work closer to their home and so give local residents another chance to hear it.

*David and Pamela Boniface*



*Committee members planting wildflower 'plugs'*



*Later in the early summer, wildflowers growing, but so is the grass!*

## **Doing More for the Fields**

Over the years the Association's approach has been to prod the Council to undertake improvements to the Fields. This year we have become more hands-on.

We all know the wild flower meadow next to the Playground. A few years ago the Council decided that the grass should be left uncut. The thinking was that it would naturally regenerate with wild flowers. But apart from a splendid crop of thistles not much happened except that it was mowed with nice paths and sitting areas. Of course thistles are good for bees and insects but the Committee decided that we could do better, inspired by the tremendous wild flowers in the Olympic Park.

This is not straightforward as the reason the area did not naturally regenerate with flowers is that the soil is too rich with nutrients. In the Olympic Park they were able to match the plants to the soil and get the balance perfect.

After much discussion we persuaded the Council to let us plant a trial area of about 50 square metres and we planted 4 varieties of wild flower plugs: meadow buttercup, yarrow, red campion and ox eye daisy, together with cornflower seeds. With very good support from the manager for Islington's central parks, Bhupesh Thapa, the Committee turned out one April morning and did the planting. Apart from the yarrow, all the plants did well. It cost about £140. So, should we do more? I think we should but what do members think?

*Robin Mabey*

## **Life Drawing Classes by Local Artist**

Rowan James of Baalbec Road has set up regular weekly drop-in life drawing classes in Clissold House in Clissold Park. Class times and days are:

**Tuesdays 11am till 1pm,  
and also**

**Thursdays 6 till 8pm**

Just come and pay at the door. Friendly. Sometimes food and wine. Set in the drawing room of Clissold House, in Clissold Park, Stoke Newington Church Street. N16 9HJ Drop-in, no need to book. £8. Basic materials available. Tutored, perfect for beginners. Buses: 73, 341 Nearest stations: Manor House, Stoke Newington, Canonbury.

Just in case timings change, especially in winter evenings, it is best to check on the website: [www.clissolddrawing.com](http://www.clissolddrawing.com) or by email to [rowanggj@gmail.com](mailto:rowanggj@gmail.com)

## Taking the Long View of Highbury Roundhouse

Back in 1974 there was a problem....

After years of being unfashionable, Highbury was 'on the up'. Those neglected Georgian houses which surround Highbury Fields were suddenly desirable and the neat Victorian terraces which spread out from this epicentre were equally in demand.

The young people who had grown up in the area were not impressed – indeed they felt dispossessed. They congregated around the circular vent at the lower end of the Mother Field which is now part of the playground. Then some far sighted residents, notably Bay Hodgson, realised that what was needed was some place that these youths could call their own. The GLC was persuaded to contribute an old 'bottleworks' building which was transformed by local volunteers into a Youth Club and re-christened the Roundhouse – a replacement for the circular vent.

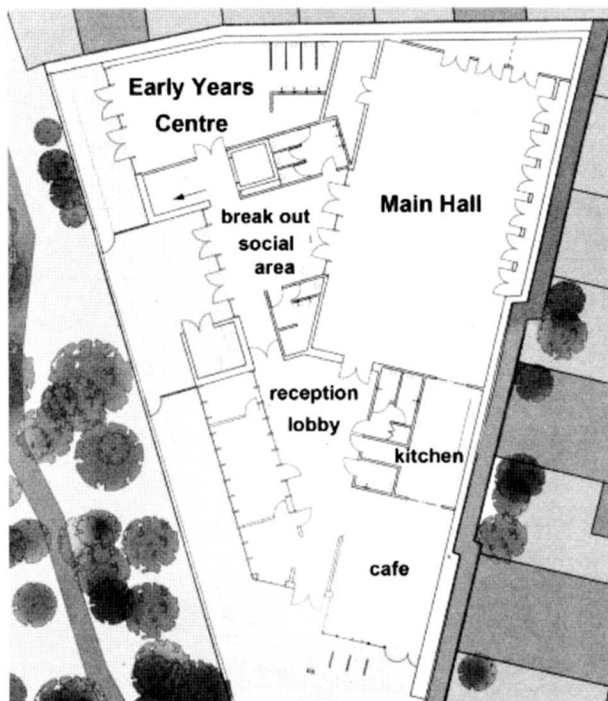
A year later the Highbury Fields Association was formed with Bay Hodgson a founding member and later Chairman. So started a close and enduring connection between the Roundhouse and the HFA. Both have grown, both have become established parts of life in Highbury and HFA committee members have very often been Trustees of the Roundhouse.

Back in 1978 there was a problem....

This report appeared in the HFA 1978 Newsletter:

*"At last the GLC has granted a long lease on Sabourin's (Bottleworks) factory and house to this Community group. A sizeable grant from Partnership funds has been agreed and architectural plans are in progress.*

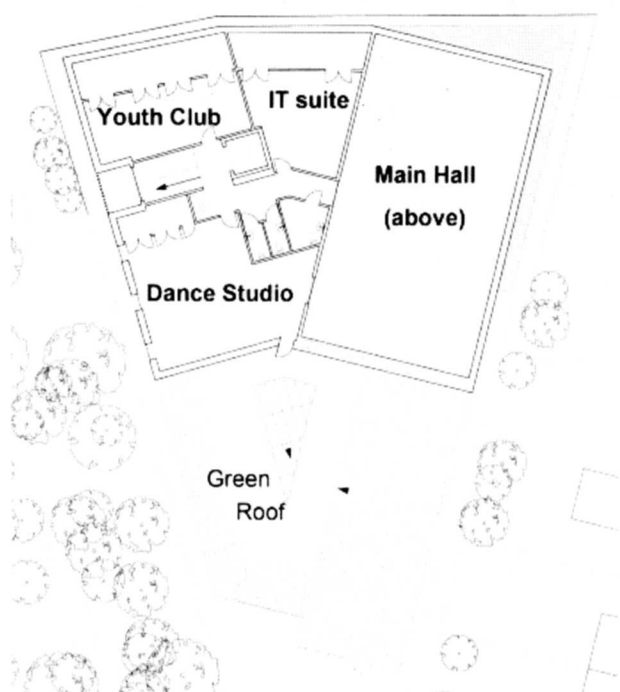
*Meanwhile the present factory building has*



*Plan of the Roundhouse ground floor*

*become a dangerous structure and is closed probably until at least August 1979. Small outdoor activities are taking place, with Sabourin House (71 Ronalds Road) as a base. It is intended to provide ultimately a youth and community centre with special emphasis on youth, senior citizens, under 5's and a resident theatre group."*

If I had been writing this piece for last year's Newsletter, I could have repeated the above, almost word for word. The 'bottleworks' building was declared a *dangerous structure* in 2010 and was closed, but this time it was demolished. *Small activities are still taking place at 71, Ronalds Road* which continues to be our base while activities take place at five other locations. We intend to build a new youth and community centre with special provision for youth, senior citizens, under 5's and a...well we won't have a resident theatre group, but there will be a dance studio, facilities for musicians of all ages, after school clubs, holiday playschemes, an IT suite, a heritage centre and a host of other activities.



*Plan of the Roundhouse first floor*

This year we are closer to our goal. We have an agreement with the Council which will give us a 99-year lease and “*architectural plans are in progress*”. Sarah Wigglesworth Architects have skilfully responded to our Brief and to the anxieties of our immediate neighbours. They have produced an excellent multi-use design which gives us premises flexible enough to accommodate our future requirements.

On 25th July these plans were approved by the LBI Planning Committee. There were no voices raised in opposition. The Members of the committee were unanimous in their support and praise of our project. This was a milestone moment for us.

Unlike 1978, no “*sizeable grant*” is available. We are seeking institutional funding for the bulk of the construction costs. We have identified numerous potential donors, but mostly they required a planning consent before they would consider an application. Now we have that.

We have got this far because of the generosity

of local residents. Our fundraising events have been well attended and have swelled the kitty. There has been an impressive response to our invitation to buy “*Another Brick in the Wall*”. We hope that our local supporters will continue to contribute to this scheme until the day the new building opens.

Your personal circumstances may not permit a significant individual donation, but you may have access to charitable funds, or you may work for a company which is looking for a cause to champion. Please point them in our direction. Please get involved.

For more information visit our campaign website.

Highbury Roundhouse is very proud of the way it started. Local residents perceived a need and did something about it. We have continued in that tradition. We believe that the local community is best placed to identify local needs. We hope that some future article in the HFA Newsletter will begin:

Back in 2014 the problem was solved.

*Tony Miller,*

*Secretary to the Highbury Roundhouse*

## **From the Newsletter Archive: 1978**

### **Roundhouse.**

Sabourin’s premises in Ronalds Road are now likely to house the Roundhouse Community Group. Present activities include the Youth Club, Boxing, Community Service Order work on Saturdays and plans for Easter and Summer Holiday youth projects. Development plans for the site include a social club and bar. Volunteers urgently needed to help clear the building, assist in youth club etc.



## Failure

It seemed to me rather unfortunate that the woodland area at the back of the playground and facing Highbury Place was neglected. I approached the excellent Bhupesh Thapa and he said he was delighted to have any help that was on offer. Indeed he, some of his team, Fiona (who also sharpened my sickle) and I had an initial go at clearing the area. I continued with the project and got it to the stage where some suitable woodland plants, to wit cow parsley, forget-me-nots, wild garlic, blue hyacinths and others, garnered from our own over-full garden, could be planted. There was huge interest in the garden from passers-by and many offers of help in the future.

Terry Stacy came by and offered money and help! I said that what would be encouraging to me personally would be an overall design. It would be a help to have a master plan so that "helpers" could conform to colour, shape etc. If people wanted to bring their own plants, which quite a few seemed keen to do, it would avoid chaos. One person, for example, was moving house and if she couldn't find somewhere with a garden, wondered if we would like to have her plants. Ginny Worsley subsequently met up with Bhupesh, which was great, and suggested an outline plan.

Eventually my actual helpers were a four-year-old and two ten-year-olds, all keen to plant things and to come again!

Disaster! I had hoped that the plants would survive. Alas, we, and it seemed, most of Highbury, were away for more time than expected. During the wonderful summer weather, the watering needed to establish the plants failed.

With help and encouragement I'm happy to have another go. It was very touching



*Two views of the wildlife area*

how many passers-by took an interest in the project and felt that something positive ought to happen in that area.

*Jeannie Burnett*

## iU3A

Islington University of the Third Age is being launched. Until now the closest was in Hampstead. Not in full time work? – you are welcome.

The launch took place at 10 am on Thursday 10th October at the Resource Centre, Holloway Road, (the old Jones Bros, next to Waitrose) Over 25 interest groups so far – Come and see, come and join.

[www.islingtonu3a.org](http://www.islingtonu3a.org)

## A Year of Frogs and Chaffinches

43 years now in Baalbec Road and each year the wildlife changes. Our miniscule 'garden', backing onto Highbury Fields, contains three ponds, as well as a fig tree hanging with bird feeders.

Each year, around about March, there is considerable commotion in the main pond, with frogs vigorously linked together with eight of more pairs mating. Soon after, copious quantities of frog spawn appear. In recent years, most of the new frog eggs have died and very few if any tadpoles have hatched, possibly due to late icy weather.

2013 has been different. Frog mating and spawning appear to have been later in spring this year and at the end of May there were scores of wriggling tadpoles. I recorded 'about 150 tadpoles' on 1st July. Interestingly fish food sticks and flakes, put out for the resident goldfish, were gobbled up by tadpoles. A fish stick might have six tadpoles nibbling away. Gradually the tadpoles grew legs and occasionally miniature frogs appeared sitting on lily leaves. Happily there may be a glut of Highbury frogs this year!

Wouldn't it be great to have a wildlife pond somewhere on Highbury Fields? I did raise this at the 'Vision' exercise some years ago, and perhaps we could get advice from the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust and the Froglife Charity.

There have also been changes in the bird population this year. 16 different birds were sighted on or near our fig tree during January and February.

Goldfinches remain easily the most abundant visitors, appearing on 100% of 'watching days' in January/February, with up to 15 birds at one time. This compares with 93% of Jan/Feb days in 2012 and only 19% in 2011. They feast avidly on Niger seeds and sunflower kernels.

The big change has been in visits by chaffinches



*Baby frog on lily pad*

(up from 11% to 31% to 90% of 'watching days' in 2011/2012/2013) and dunnocks (up from 18% to 71% this year). Conversely, greenfinches were fewer this year, although they have re-appeared in September. Great tits and blue tits also visit most days.

A newcomer this year in February was a small bird with a deep red forehead – I think a redpoll, but possibly a female blackcap. Has anybody seen this?

40 years ago, sparrows and starlings were dominant and owls hooted from the elms on Highbury Fields. How things have changed!

*Carrick James*

## From the Newsletter Archive: 1983

### 1 – 3 Highbury Terrace

For some years, since Highbury Home gave up its occupation, we have sadly seen this fine home deteriorate. In August 1980 the Crown Housing Association bought it and have now nearly completed rehabilitation into flats for elderly retired civil servants. To the design of Stillman and Eastwick-Field of Highbury Place. The flats are due to be completed in May.

## Less trees in the 'Orchard'?

Robin Hull of the HCA and I for the HFA have been trying for a long time now to work with the Islington Tree Officers to establish a Tree Strategy for Highbury Fields. In the spring we produced a paper, "Suggestions for an initial implementation of a Tree Strategy for Highbury Fields" which is due to be discussed at the next meeting of the Highbury Fields Forum.

The opening paragraph of the paper reads as follows:

"Islington Council's "A Vision for Highbury Fields" was published in September 2007, just before the economic crisis hit. The plans for a tree strategy for Highbury Fields that were expressed in the Vision now seem to be quite strictly circumscribed by the Council's much reduced budget. The suggestions in this paper reflect the Vision's intentions while recognising the economic problem. They are therefore limited to proposing elements of a tree strategy that may be possible in the near future, rather than offering a timeline for implementing all the Vision's programme."

Our paper discusses the feasibility and the practicalities of a strategy for trees in all parts of the Fields. I want here to concentrate on one small area where it might be possible to find funding for at least some of our proposals. In the Vision it talks of:

"Selective felling of trees in the Orchard to allow the possibility of creating a garden and to allow remaining trees to fulfil their potential"

For many years there has been criticism of the area behind Baalbec Road, bounded by Highbury Grove, the tennis courts and the 'Park Keeper's Cottage'. The trees there let in very little light, so that several are badly distorted and little grass grows, with the



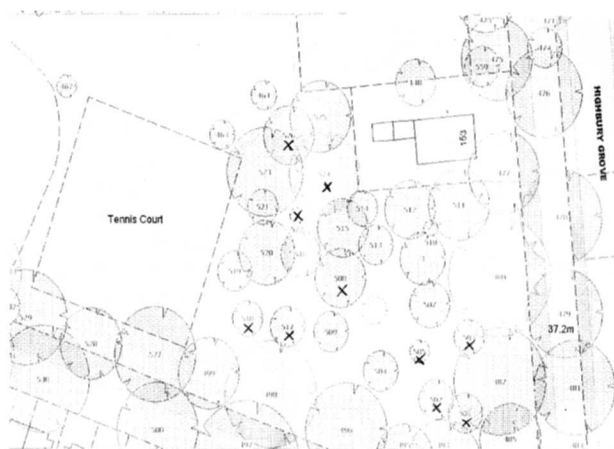
*Deep shade and damaged trees in the southern 'Orchard' area..*

effect that a large area of the Fields is not suitable for leisure purposes. To a lesser degree there is a similar 'Orchard' area to the north, where already some trees have been lost, letting in more light, showing a noticeable improvement and creating a viable space for park visitors.

Robin and I made a careful study in both areas, checking the trees for health and longevity with the view of removing the worse affected trees. Where trees are too closely growing together, removing a poor, damaged one can help to save another. We listed those trees which we considered most suitable for removing and recently had a long, careful inspection with a tree officer who pointed out, in a few cases, evidence of damage or the early onset of disease which we had not noticed.

He emphasised again that, in the current financial restraints, there are very little funds available in the borough for tree officers to be able to do anything other than remove branches or whole trees which are a potential danger to the public. Despite that, in September we produced together a list of trees which we all considered sensible to remove in the near future. This should also have the effect of bringing in open space and sunlight. We suggested that we could start with the most urgent cases and phase





*Plan of the southern 'Orchard' area with crosses on the trees to be removed.*

the removal of the remainder over a period of several years as funds become available.

The tree plan shows the southern orchard area, with the double line of planes behind Baalbec Road and along Highbury Grove. Those trees marked with a cross are the ones which for various reasons have been chosen. For example, on the left, 517 is a badly leaning ash; 518 a small oak which now is completely overshadowed and is small enough to be able to be replanted elsewhere. Removing 508, a Raywood ash with a lot of dead wood, would create a fine open space. Removing 524 a poor Red oak which is shedding branches and a very poor Bird cherry 526 would greatly help the other two Red oaks 523 and 525. In the bottom right corner we would also wish to remove two crab apples, a cherry and a pine.

In the northern orchard area, the only casualties would be two cherries, both in a poor state.

Robin and I are both dedicated tree lovers and we do not consider removing trees lightly. The Orchard is an example of how important it is to carefully plan tree planting, fully allowing for how they will grow and be, several generations later.

*Martin Jones*

## **The Overgrowth of Ladbroke House**

As we go to press, there is the threat of a large over development of the already over-large ex-university building on the corner of Kelvin Road and Highbury Grove, close to the Highbury Barn shops. The building had originally been an industrial factory: it has four very high-ceilinged floors, the equivalent of six normal residential floors, so that it already towers over surrounding buildings. They intend to demolish all but the existing frontage and build an L-shape behind, around a garden. Both at the front and at the rear there would then be two extra floors, each setback. The intention is to have offices on the ground and first floors and 80 flats above.

The building is in the Highbury Fields Conservation Area. Such an increase in height of such a large building, even with the top floors setback, would greatly impose on Christ Church and other buildings in the area. An exhibition of the plans in Christ Church at the beginning of October is likely to be followed by an application for Planning Permission by the end of the year. So, please let the Planning Department know of your disapproval.

*Martin Jones*

## **From the Newsletter Archive: 1984**

### **Shine On**

The three fine iron lamp standards in Church Path are under threat. The Council thinks it may be necessary to replace them with a "modern street lighting system". HFA believes they should be preserved and asked the Planning Committee to list them as items of historical interest. HFA has asked the Borough Engineer to let us know the cost of paint and repairs.

## The Olden Garden – a City Eden

Behind a high red brick Victorian wall, there exists a little bit of paradise. The wall stretches the whole length of one side of Whistler Street. The little bit of paradise is the Olden Garden, founded many years ago by Pat Tawn, who was a resident of Whistler Street. She led other residents in a campaign to obtain the two acre derelict site, owned by the Council, as a green space for residents of the street and the surrounding area of Islington. We owe a debt of gratitude to those earlier pioneers.

The garden has woodlands, an orchard, meadow and vegetable and fruit growing areas. Pat Tawn left the street over six years ago and the elected committee set about raising funds to have all the utilities put on the site. We now have a garden house, disabled access pathways and toilet and an ever increasingly large membership.

The garden is run mainly by volunteers and we keep expanding our borders and planting schemes. In the summer the garden is full of young families having picnics on our extensive lawn. Finally, all of us who use the Olden Garden never cease to be bowled over by its beauty. We have created this in the middle of noise, concrete and pollution.

Please join us. Work day: 3rd Saturday of the month 10-4pm.

Membership: Jill McKeowan 0207 226 0222  
Secretary: Malika El-Ghasfi 0207 354 0975

### Plaque for Sir Francis Ronalds

People gathered on Saturday the 31st August to unveil a plaque in celebration of one of Highbury Fields' "famous sons" Sir Francis Ronalds (1788–1873) the meteorologist, inventor and pioneer of electric telegraphy, after whom Ronalds Road was named.



Francis Ronalds was born in London in 1788, the second of twelve children. His family moved to 1 Highbury Terrace and Francis lived there until 1813. It was while living here that he developed his interest in chemistry and started his pioneering work on electricity, carrying out experiments at home. It was through his work on the electric telegraph that he came to fame.

Ronalds moved from Highbury to Upper Mall, Hammersmith and in 1816 built in his back garden two frames to accommodate eight miles of wire for his new invention of an electrostatic telegraph. Ronalds spent a great deal of his life in Italy and lived his final years in Battle, East Sussex. In 1870 Ronalds was knighted for his contributions to the invention of the telegraph. He died, unmarried, on 8th August 1873.

1 Highbury Terrace is now occupied by a sheltered housing scheme managed by Crown Housing Association, who themselves are celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. So the residents with the support of Liberal Democrat Councillors Terry Stacy, Julie Horten and John Gilbert helped fund the plaque via their Local Initiative Fund. The plaque was unveiled as part of the celebrations which centred on a garden party for residents and friends. Last year a new plaque to the painter Walter Sickert was installed, jointly sponsored by the Highbury Fields Association.



*The north side of Calabria Road, close to the Fields, still showing the old shop windows.*

### **From the Newsletter Archive: 1988**

In May the last surviving shop whose use had remained the same since 1910 closed in Calabria Road – the off licence.

Recently I came across a postcard of Calabria road in 1906 showing a thriving row of shops, and with the help of Kelly's Directory for 1914 I was able to fill in the mystery of what all the shops were.

No. 1. Laundry

No. 3. Dairy – churns of milk and tubs of yellow butter.

No. 5. Butcher.

No. 7. Fruiterers.

No. 9. Bootmakers.

No.11. Oilman – who also sold groceries, including paper cones of biscuit crumbs at 1/2d a cone.

No. 13. Newsagent – with a private library at the rear.

No. 15. Tailor shop – the tailor used to sit cross legged in the window whilst stitching suits.

No. 17. Fancy Draper.

No. 19. Wine merchant.

## **Highbury Fields Forum**

The Forum meets regularly five or six times a year, usually chaired by Cllr. Terry Stacy. The regular attendees include representatives from the Highbury Tennis League, the Cycling Action Group, football groups, the HFA, the HCA and the Oasis Café.

At the most recent meeting Bhupesh Thapa said that they were still dealing with changes to shift patterns following the move to bring the horticultural maintenance contract in-house. He defended the long-grass meadow saying that the Bio-Diversity Forum has input on decisions but that it might be possible to review possible alternative locations. He would ensure that the leaves would be collected early as last year.

The 'desire line' across the Mother Field has got deeper and wider. It was agreed that the costing of various path materials such as chippings bonded to tarmac, as in the St. Mary Magdalene Park, off Holloway Road, should be investigated.

The tennis courts need to be re-surfaced. The staff costs for the three park keepers and maintenance is higher than the income from the courts. It is hoped that the Lawn Tennis Association might be prepared to invest and Karen Dawson, the new Highbury Fields Tennis Co-ordinator, was helping with providing figures on who are using the courts and how often. It was agreed that the Highbury Fields Tennis Steering Group should press for improvements to be made.

Following another request from a dog owners group that there should be a dog-only area on the Fields, it was unanimously agreed that, in accordance with the *Vision* for the Fields, that there should not be one.



*The 'Meadow' area, mown in early October, showing traces of the previous mown paths.*

### **What would you like to see happen?**

The Highbury Fields Association aims to encourage community participation in all matters affecting the character, amenities, use, management and development of the Fields and the surrounding neighbourhood.

As part of this aim we have decided to organise a survey to get feedback on people's views about the Highbury Fields. We hope to obtain responses not only from local residents and members of our Association but also from people who use the Fields for leisure or for specific activities – sports, playground, for catering facilities, exercise, picnics etc.

Those views will influence HFA Committee deliberations and, through us, let Greenspace (who act as Park Managers), Islington Council and local Councillors all know your views and any ideas for changes or improvements.

The survey will cover reasons for visiting Highbury Fields; things you like about the Fields; things not liked so much or which could be improved; your opinions on different aspects of the Fields; your views on various current issues and suggestions about how the HFA might better serve the community. Please e-mail:

*survey@highburyfieldsassociation.org* and we will e-mail you a survey to complete.

*Martin Jones*



*The Mother Field on a hot, sunny, smoky day.*

## **HIGHBURY FIELDS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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Tony Miller  
*Web Consultant*

**Nominations for new members (proposed and seconded by members of the HFA) should be made to Martin Jones by Friday 1st. November. Appointments to the Committee will take place at the AGM on Monday 4th November.**

**Please advise the Membership Secretary if you wish to receive Minutes by email.**

Members of the Association are welcome to raise and discuss any particular concerns they may have. We like to hear your views. Please telephone Martin Jones or via our website:

[www.highburyfieldsassociation.org](http://www.highburyfieldsassociation.org)

**Do join the HFA, and keep in touch with developments in our area.**

*Editors: Martin & Maryse Jones*