

THE WEST HENDON COMMUNITY TIMES



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EDITOR'S
NOTE

'Tis the season for family and friends. Welcome to our special Christmas newsletter. As we begin to hunker down for the holiday season, we would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Year, spent with your loved ones.

As you will see in this newsletter, we are increasing local contribution, so that it can become a community-led newsletter.

We welcome your content, including stories, art, poems and local memories. If you wish to contribute, then please contact Chris Sharp, by emailing chris.sharp@becg.com.

A WEST HENDON POEM

We have a special contribution this month; West Hendon resident Lisa Ellis, also known as the Karma Mama, has written a poem about West Hendon, focussing on its rich community, beautiful environment and the change it has experienced in recent years. Enjoy!

*With the ambition of youth and a heart full of truth,
A young woman follows her dream.*

Generations divide but all flow with the tide, cultures mixed in a beautiful stream.

*Passers by with a smile who would chat for a while,
By a lake in which wildlife can teem.*

*Through some thought and a care unashamedly share,
How life feels like a balancing beam.*

*As years start to rush by not at all changed am I,
The community here is a team.*

*With a child now in tow reaping all that I sow,
And an apartment straight out of a dream.*





WEST HENDON'S BREAKOUT LITERARY STAR

In each newsletter, we'll be featuring a local hero guest column; we call them Hendon Heroes.

Hendon Heroes are people who inspire others around them and have unique stories to tell.

Meet Katrina Casandra Newman, a local author, who has just published her new book, 'God's Gift – The Love of a Mother'. She recently launched it at an event right here in West Hendon.

Katrina is a fantastic role model for any aspiring writer, and she started her writing career at the West Hendon Community Hub!

Over to you, Katrina.

Katrina's background, growing up in West Hendon

My name is Katrina Casandra Newman. I'm the author of the book: God's Gift – The Love of a Mother.

I was born and raised on the West Hendon Estate. Growing up in West Hendon was beautiful, I loved the greenery, looking out of my bedroom window, smelling the fresh grass as I opened my window early in the morning.

We had a great community: different cultures, different races. We all got along and respected one another, we showed love and care and we helped one another.

We had great parties in the park at the back of the Welsh Harp river every summer with refreshments and BBQs and bouncy castles with entertainment.

I loved growing up in West Hendon. My journey was an amazing experience which I will cherish and keep in my heart FOREVER.

Starting her career, with a little help from the West Hendon Community Hub

My book came to light when I attended a writing course in the West Hendon Hub. The course gave me a platform to perform to my full potential, creating and writing my own autobiography. This is something I have dreamed of, and my dream became a reality.

I am ever so grateful for the opportunity to attend the writing course. This has opened so many opportunities for me, my future is bright and I'm ready to take on the world.

Katrina's message to anyone wishing to make their dreams come true

There is so much potential in West Hendon and I believe that many more people will be successful. Taking these courses helps you gain the knowledge and skills that are needed.

If I'm able to achieve my goals, anybody can. My next chapter will be studying to become a journalist.

To end, I would like to thank Andrew Bindi of Metropolitan, for giving me the opportunity to attend the writing course.



INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CLASSES AT THE COMMUNITY HUB?

There are always opportunities to learn and have fun at the Community Hub. If you want to follow in the footsteps of Katrina, then get in touch with **Andrew Bindi** by calling **07702 532 946** or email **andrew.bindi@mtvh.co.uk**. Or visit facebook/westhendoncommunityhub

There is so much available to you all at the Community Hub, so come down and visit us! We're located at Gadwall House, Perryfield Way, London NW9 7DZ.

And that leads us to our next piece.....

WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY HUB?

As always, there are so many key attractions coming up at one of West Hendon's star community attractions.

- Looking to get into the beauty industry? Then take part in the upcoming manicure and pedicure makeup course, which starts in January.
- Searching for some relaxation to ease the January blues? Then chair yoga is the perfect cure.
- Interested in taking a first aid at work class? Then we've got these on offer too.

We've got these, and so much more. Look out for the January programme booklet!

ANNOUNCEMENT: THE WEST HENDON COMMUNITY GROUP

The West Hendon Community Group has now closed, and a new group has been formed in its place.

If residents are interested in joining this group, they should contact the Community Hub for more information. The new group will meet in late January to form its executive board.

Interested in joining us? Then see details below.

Venue: The Community Hub NW9 7DZ

Date: Thursday 30th January

Time: Between 5pm and 6.30pm

CONSTRUCTION WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Thank you to all those who attended our last Construction Working Group Meeting in November. If you want to join us, then come to our 2020 meetings, listed below.

Thursday 19th March 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 18th June 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 17th September 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday 17th December 2020, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

LET'S CREATE A SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

The Police 'Safer Neighbourhood Team' met the Partnership Board recently. They reminded residents that it is really important to report crime or suspicious activities as they prioritise 'hot spots'.

Where residents witness criminal activity, they should contact the police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999.

To report anti-social behaviour (ASB) online please go to **www.met.police.uk** or contact the local safer neighbourhood team on **www.met.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us**. To report ASB to Barnet Homes, please call Irena Nadjeji on **020 8359 2167**.

People concerned about someone sleeping rough can send an alert by visiting **www.streetlink.org.uk**, via the mobile app, available for Apple and Android devices, or by calling **0300 500 0914**.

THE NEXT WEST HENDON PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING TAKES PLACE NEXT MONTH!

The next open meeting of the West Hendon Partnership Board will take place on Wednesday 22nd January 2020.

We'll discuss a host of topics, including:

- Marsh Drive update
- Update on Cool Oak Lane new bridge
- Highways update
- A service of Remembrance on 17th February 2020, which remembers those who lost their lives when West Hendon was bombed during World War Two.

Venue: West Hendon Community Centre,
Marsh Drive, NW9

Date: Wednesday 22 January 2020

Time: 7pm – 9pm

All residents are welcome.

Please contact Rob Webb, the Residents' Independent Advisor for further details.

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CONNECTING NEIGHBOURS

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Connecting Neighbours event. It brought the community together and attendees had a fantastic time!



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

- The concrete frame for block H1, which provides 47 apartments for market sale, has now concluded. The team can now commence other activities, such as window installation and thermal insulation across the block. Completion is scheduled for summer 2020.
- Ground excavations have begun and will accommodate the double basement parking that is spread across much of the site. Piling activities will commence shortly across the wider Phase 4 site.
- Sorrel Mead will close temporarily to allow for the installation of new water-pipe infrastructure, and will re-open early in the new year.
- Parking in Stanley Road is now enforced via a private parking control company following consultation with residents. Each household has been issued with one residential and one visitor permit. Those with permits should park within marked bays.

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

The Community Trust Fund is open to all residents and groups on the estate to apply for funding in order to deliver community projects and activities in West Hendon.

New applications can be made from January 2020, and the deadline is 30th April 2020.

To apply, please visit the website: <http://west-hendon.co.uk/community/community-trust-fund/> or contact andrew.bind@mtvh.co.uk for more information.

SALES UPDATE

The first block in phase 4 is under construction and is anticipated for occupation in Summer 2020.

The homes qualify for the London Help-to-Buy scheme, and all come with outside space and an allocated parking space.

Phases 1, 2 and 3 are now complete, with 500 properties occupied so far.

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