

Octavia Hill Residents Association Newsletter

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Obituary

Alfred (Alf) Eddicott 1931 - 2008

Alfred (Alf) Eddicott died in St Thomas' Hospital 5th February 2008.

Alf was one of the longest residents of Tait House and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Alf was born on 27th October 1931 at the Lying-in Hospital, York Road. His early years were spent with his parents in a flat in Mitre Road. During World War 2, Alf was evacuated to Kent during the blitz and continued his primary education there before returning to live with his parents in the then new flats of Tait House.

Upon completing his education, he joined the Esso Petroleum Company and completed 40 years service upon retirement. He took great interest in the local community and his two great sporting passions were cricket and football. He was a regular afternoon visitor to the Oval Cricket Ground to support Surrey. His football allegiance was to Chelsea FC

The funeral service was conducted by Canon Richard Truss at St. Georges Chapel, Streatham Park Cemetery. Alf kept in touch throughout his life with fellow evacuees some of whom attended the funeral.

SPRING TABLE SALE

Your Association, Octavia Hill Residents Association will be holding a Spring Table Sale on 29th March 2008 in St Andrews Church, Short Street..

The Sale will run between 2.00pm and 5.00 pm and refreshments will be available.

White Elephant Staff

Book Stall

Clothes Stall

Many new items

Raffle

Come and Support your Association

Update on Ufford Recreation ground

Your committee met with officials from Lambeth Parks dept to finalise some details concerning upgrade to recreation ground. It is hoped that work will commence in March with levelling out of the area that at the present time is sunken and attracts a large puddle.

The present tree root problem will be solved by use of a flexible Material, which will hide the roots but allow them to grow. Hopefully the work will be completed before the start of summer.

Extension of 20 mph zone to Ufford Street, Mitre Road and Short Street

Work should have started on the raised crossovers and speed humps on 25th February.

However this has been delayed due to the fact that Thames Water have not completed their work in Ufford Street but should commence very shortly

Warning on Security passes for workmen

Following some recent incidents when workmen attended premises to carry out repairs, when challenged for their ID passes, various excuses were made why they were unable to produce. Your Association took this up with Path-meads and would like to reiterate previous advice given that no one should be admitted to your premises without current photo ID. If there is any doubt please call 0208 150 4720 for verification of workmens ID

Better to be safe than sorry

The Cut waste management scheme

Your Association has been putting up objections to the way certain businesses are dealing with disposal of commercial waste. Since the 15th February it has been decided that no waste bins are allowed out on the pavements except within the short designated time.

Unfortunately a few of the concerns have decided that it is appropriate to move their bins from The Cut and into the residential side streets.

This we have stated is totally unacceptable and the worst of these incidents was when the Anchor & Hope moved 1 x 1100 litre bin onto the pavement in Hatfield and immediately outside Benson House which has recently undergone a complete and costly facelift.



This was not only an eyesore for the residents but certainly an issue under Health & Safety regulations and your Association gave notice that unless it was removed by a certain date, we would move it back into The Cut.

With 24 hours The Anchor had also added a smaller waster bin together with loose wooden boxes and other rubbish

We reiterated to Lambeth Council our intention to accry out our threat of removalk and that we would ensure that the Press were ther to witness what were doing.

The Bin was moved back to The Cut outside The Anchor on the last day that we had given.. We are determined that our streets will not be used by businesses in The Cut to dispose of

Give us back our pavements

One of the thoughts behind The Cut development scheme was to create a clutter free pavement area and an area free of rubbish bins and bags.

You will see from the article about The Anchor & Hope that this has meant that commercial waste is now being moved into residential streets and as soon as we clear one, another one appears. We now have both Greet Street and Windmill Walk being used for the storage of large commercial refuse bins and this we find totally unacceptable and we call on Lambeth Council to remedy this situation as soon as possible.

Next we come to our pavement area's some of which we have difficulty in using, due to people congregating or clutter of bins, sacs, boxes and billboards.

This photo was taken by one of our members looking from corner of Short St towards Blackfriars Rd and you will see that at no point can you walk in a straight line along the new wide pavement.



Your Association has made a request to Southwark Council under Freedom of Information Act to check that those premises with billboards and chairs on the pavement have the necessary street licenses and will keep you informed.

Quite honestly this scheme has meant a lot of inconvenience to the residents of Waterloo and we have gained nothing from this scheme

We have heard from residents of Waterloo who were here during the Blitz, that the inconvenience was worse during the past 18 months

Tait & Benson external Modernisation

The refurbishment I work and the communal garden is now completed.

It has been decided that the gardens will be called The Octavia Hill Garden in honour of the Octavia Hill the 19th century social reformer. She was particularly concerned with the welfare of the inhabitants of the city, especially London. She persuaded the Church Commissioners to build social housing and she was responsible for overseeing the development of the Waterloo Estate (1901) and the Walworth Estate (1904)

She also campaigned for the availability of open spaces for the poor and this led to the establishment of the National Trust.

The gardens will be officially opened and named by our MP Kate Hoey on 26th April 2008



Membership Fee's for 2007/2008 and membership applications

May we remind all members that your membership fee's for 2007/08 were due on 1st October 2007.

The cost is £4.00 per household and can be paid in cash or by Cheque payable to Octavia Hill residents Association and we welcome new members.

Cheques or cash can be sent to Mike Tuppen, 21 Ufford Street, London SE1 8QD or telephone a committee member and we will arrange to collect

Persons wishing to join please call 0207 928 0224 or e-mail mike@tuppenfamily.com