

and concerned residents to discuss the problem of rubbish being dumped on the pavements outside of the two collection days which are Mondays and Thursdays. Some properties do not have basement cellars to store rubbish but it is the residents' responsibility to ensure that the pavements are kept clear. To report a problem, telephone 020 7361 3001.

A trial has been taking place of a small litter bin attached to a lamppost in the north east arm of the Square. It is emptied by the SITA street cleaning patrol and at weekends, those from Earl's Court Road empty it. Although we requested that a sign be attached to it to indicate that dog waste can be put into it, we have been advised by Streetline that this is not permissible. If the bin has not been emptied, please phone Streetline on 020 7361 3001.

Please note that collections do take place on a Monday when there is a Bank Holiday except the August Bank Holiday when the SITA crews are deployed to clear up after the Notting Hill Carnival.

#### **Crime and Police**

The new acting Borough Commander is Chief Superintendent Adrian Roberts.

#### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

Following the successful BBQ held in Nevern Square for the residents of Nevern Square, Philbeach Gardens and Earl's Court Square, a magnolia tree was planted in Nevern Square to commemorate the occasion. The tree was planted by the Mayor of RBK&C, Councillor Buckmaster and the event was attended by Christine Powell (Chairman) and Alex Tullett (Hon. Secretary).

#### **Earl's Court Exhibition Centre**

The Earl's Court Society has continued to hold meetings regarding the redevelopment of the Earls Court Olympia and West Kensington Opportunity Area (ECWKOA)

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into over 7000 dwellings with both CapCo, one of the owners of the site, along with the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and Transport for London and residents.

There are still events being booked until October 2014.

#### **Social Events**

The London Open Garden Squares event took place over the weekend of 8 and 9 June.

The Annual Barbecue was held on the evening of 22 June with our usual Disc Jockey, Simon Robinson.



#### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

The annual lighting of the Christmas tree was held in the Square gardens on the afternoon of Sunday 15 December. Despite a wet and windy afternoon, over 40 residents with over 20 children attended. We are grateful to the Garden Committee for the loan of their gazebo and a special thanks to Alan Malcolm for the mulled wine.

#### **Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal**

For the first time, ECSRA had six volunteers to help with the annual Poppy Appeal, selling poppies at the entrances / exits to Earl's Court Underground Station. The total collections in the Earl's Court area exceeded last year's.

## **Earl's Court Square Residents' Association**

### **AGM**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 13th February 2014 at 8.00 p.m.

upstairs at  
**O'Neills**

**326 Earl's Court Road**

**Free.**

*All residents welcome.*

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### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2013 AGM
3. Chairman's Report and Questions and Answers
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Executive Committee
6. Allocation of Nicholson Funds
7. Any Other Business
8. Plans for 40th Anniversary Celebrations
9. Wine & Canapés

Please use the enclosed membership form to renew your membership for 2014 or to join if you are not yet a member.  
Subscription rates are £6 or £9 for a family/household

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**Our thanks to Faron Sutaria for sponsoring the colour printing.  
We are most grateful.**

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## ECSRA Executive Committee Members



We are sorry to report that during the year Celia de Borchgrave, Avril Kennedy and Alan Malcolm (Hon. Treasurer) resigned from the ECSRA Executive Committee due to other commitments. We would like to thank them for all the time and effort which they have devoted to the Residents' Association over many years.

Currently serving and continuing under the rules:

Christine Powell (Chairman)  
David Ramsden  
Ilke Vowinckel

Currently serving, retiring by rotation and offering themselves for re-election under the rules:

Sue Lupton (Newsletter)  
Alex Tullett (Hon. Secretary)  
Jennifer Ware

Heidi Bradner was co-opted onto the Executive Committee and is also offering herself for election to the Committee as is Zohra Nazar.

The rules allow for up to 15 elected members of the Executive. We do have a group of willing volunteers to help with social events and the delivery of the Newsletters but we now find ourselves much depleted. If you are able to give just a few hours a month and would like

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to be elected to the Executive, please speak to any member of the Executive Committee, include a note when you renew your membership or send an email to: [ecsrachair@talktalk.net](mailto:ecsrachair@talktalk.net).

## Membership

We had just over 100 members of the Association in 2013, welcoming 6 new members. We are grateful to those members who included a donation when renewing their membership. Membership is open to everyone who lives within the Earl's Court Square Conservation Area. A membership form is included in this report and we are pleased to report that the subscription rates remained unchanged at £6 for an individual and £9 for a family / household.

Last year, we invited the 18 Life members to change to Annual Membership. One has moved away from the Square and three have already converted for which we are very grateful. This leaves 14 so we again urge them to change. It would help to maintain the overall subscription at its current level for another year.

Earl's Court Square Residents' Association is a member of the following local groups:

The Earl's Court Society, an umbrella group of local residents and local residents' associations  
Earl's Court Liaison Group, a local group with the Earl's Court Exhibition Centre  
The Kensington Society

It is also represented on the Community and Police Engagement Group. There are also representatives on four other groups.

## Newsletter

Three newsletters were published during the year, the annual one in January, together with the revised History of Earl's Court Square, was delivered to all the households within the Earl's Court Square Conservation Area and we are grateful to those volunteers who helped



to deliver it to over 650 households. Two were published in June and September to paid up members of the Association only. We are grateful to Faron Sutaria for all the colour printing.

## Website

The Earl's Court Square Residents' Association website, [www.ecsra.co.uk](http://www.ecsra.co.uk) is now established and you can use it to contact either ECSRA, including obtaining a membership form, or the Garden Committee for obtaining a key.

## Properties

This year scaffolding has been erected around the Square and redecoration or renovation work has been carried out at the following properties: numbers 4, 12, 20, 43-47, 48, 50, 53 and 55. Several years ago, ECSRA paid to have the house numbers painted onto the columns. Where there has been redecoration work, not all numbers were repainted and we would encourage the following properties to do this: 1, 4, 10, 18, 21, 23, 26 and 59. Work continued at No 23 for a basement excavation with similar work at No 21.

New front steps were installed at Nos. 11, 13, 17, 19 and 65.

## Traffic and Parking

Parking bays were suspended along the northern terrace of the Square associated with the temporary structure and skips for the work at numbers 21 and 23. During the summer, the road side structure was removed and the parking bays re-instated.

## Planning

We were pleased to learn that the appeal against the decision not to permit the redevelopment of the three garages in the north east arm of the Square was dismissed. We are very grateful to all those residents, and Cllr Linda Wade, for all their support.

Permission was sought to change the casement windows at No. 16 to sash and although ECSRA objected, permission was granted.

Two applications to erect a studio / cabin in the rear garden of No. 284 Earl's Court Road were dismissed.

ECSRA requested RBK&C to extend the policies covered by Article iv Directive 36 to the whole Conservation Area. Unfortunately, time and budget constraints have prevented this from being done.

## Filming in the Square



Filming for the television series, Whitechapel, took place outside Wetherby Mansions which was broadcast on ITV1 on 4 and 11 September. ECSRA received a donation of £200 for the inconvenience caused with the south east arm being closed to cars and traffic for one day during April.

Filming also took place in Farnell Mews on 27 July.

## Rubbish and Recycling

A successful meeting took place between Andy Almond, from RBK&C Streetline,

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