



## CELEBRATION AND PROMOTION

Dear Residents This June we have been celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with street and pudding parties, bunting and beacons. We have seen the Centenary celebration of our Golf Club, which continues in strength as a major part of our community. St Paul's Church has celebrated the eighteen years service of Rupert Mackay, who retired



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as vicar in April (he continues as HWA Trustee). Martin Jackson retired after 22 years as Hadley Wood School Site Manager helping keep generations of children safe.

This is a special edition of our Hadley Wood News, full of photographs interviews and articles reflecting our community celebrations, along with other local features and notices. It is a testament to Rod Armstrong our Editor of many successful years producing HWN regularly full of interest, economically sound and in collaboration with photographer and local historian John Leatherdale. Huge thanks to them both, and all who have helped. There is an important call (opposite page) for a new Editor and for some of the many talents amongst our residents to come forward to be part of the new HWN Team.

We should also celebrate the many other individual and group contributions which promote our community - and encourage people to bring them to our attention through future HWN editions. The lively HW Community WhatsApp gives us some insights of more individual efforts alongside our regular information from HW Rail User Group, Security and Neighbourhood Watch, and others. Most topically we have **the Consultation of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan - see notice (page 15) of the Meeting at the Centre on TUESDAY 21 JUNE at 7pm (bar open); responses by Sunday 3 July.**

Your Association continues to work hard to promote Hadley Wood across a range of services and projects. We are always looking for volunteers and delighted to be adding Claire Mangan to our Committee. Claire was the Administrator of St Paul's Church for several years. We are still looking for some paid help to complement our part time Centre Manager. Our General Manager advert is repeated (opposite) with a request for responses within a period extended to 1 July.

We have renewed our effort to bring the Centre Upgrade to reality, aiming to carry out works during this summer holiday. We are making progress on the design and specification of the works, on builder quotes, user consultation, funding and lease extension. It is a big task to bring it all together but we are trying. Please watch out for further communication of details, requests for help and the necessary appeal. More anon.

The Centre is already an attractive venue for parties and activities with its airy Hall and green setting. We are encouraging more members' use of the bar area. We are keen to host local groups. Please be in touch through the office or a Committee member.

Our membership is strong, which is vital to enable us to run the Centre & Grounds and other activities, but we need to increase numbers. We still have less than half of residents as members. Numbers also support our HWA representations to planners, including Green Belt (Enfield still reviewing the huge level of responses) and Barchester (whose withdrawal has now been confirmed), Save Cockfosters (finally a successful campaign) and more generally. We work closely with our local Councillors, Alex Georgiou and Ruby Sampson newly elected on 5 May, and other local associations; and our MP Bambos Charalambous who has helped us with our lease extension.

Please support your Association. We encourage non-members to join: email or website for Membership Application form. Our services and activities include publishing and delivering (free) this Hadley Wood News.

**Robert Wilson.**

**On behalf of the Trustees**