

# May / June 2018 update

## HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES LETTER

### TREES, DATA PROTECTION AND MUCH MORE

Our community affairs have been dominated in the last months by Treegate, a joint effort by HWA on behalf of residents combined with HWRUG campaigning skills and network of rail contacts. See the report on pages 7/8. A widening range of local people have been involved. We gained support from Enfield Council. Through our contacts, we have engaged with a range of experts and brought in The Tree Council, with a strong impact on Network Rail. Damage was done, but we have achieved real successes with removal of dangerous spikes and commitments for reduced devegetation with regeneration trials **"The Hadley Wood Model"**. **We shall have a public meeting at the Centre on 7 June.**

Our own affairs have seen special attention to compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation with great help from our Secretary (Gillian Henley) - **see the article and form on pages 9/10. We need contact consents by 25 May.**

### EVENTS

There is enthusiasm in the Committee to generate a variety of events in addition to the annual Fireworks, for community enjoyment as much as fundraising.

One immediate project is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Centre. We had an idea for a substantial event on the previous Saturday (9 June) but the Committee feel that this should be held later in the year (early September). The June date clashes with other events and we can hold a larger and more attractive event with longer to prepare. However we are delighted that our valued Pre-School are celebrating their own 50th anniversary on 29 June (see opposite page), an original and still continuing user of the Hall.

We may still wish to celebrate the exact anniversary (Thursday 14 June) in some way, perhaps a light drinks reception with the photographic display created by John Leatherdale and Pat Taylor.

### LOCAL AFFAIRS (ENFIELD)

Our relationship with Enfield Council is of great importance. We have used Treegate to establish high level contacts (up to CEO) and goodwill. We now have a close relationship with the tree officers and have their support for continuing management of our magnificent woods.

A key role with Enfield is played by our Cockfosters Ward councillors. Anne-Marie Pearce has been one of the great characters around Hadley Wood, a lively and long term resident, and a staunch and incredibly diligent advocate for our individual and community causes. She had to stand down this election (3 May) as she moved to Barnet. Jason Charalambous also had to stand down to give time to his legal career after several years of helping our community. We thank them both for all they have done. We shall have an interview with Anne-Marie in the next HW News.

We now have three experienced Councillors: Edward Smith, Elaine Hayward, Alessandro (Alex) Georgiou. They can be contacted by their Council emails. We look forward to working closely with them to represent Hadley Wood interests at the Civic Centre.

This is a report on just some of our activities. Please contact any of the Trustees or Committee members for more information on any HWA subject, and to volunteer!

*The Trustees*

OF THE HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION