

February 2011

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS

Jewellery thefts

A recent distraction theft method has come to the notice of Hounslow Borough where two dark skinned Eastern European females approach members of the public selling fake gold chains. The females place the fake gold chain around the neck of the victim and when the purchase is refused, they remove the victims genuine gold chain leaving the fake one in its place. Please be vigilant and pass this message on to family and friends to raise awareness.

Lottery ticket scam

There has been another victim of the lottery ticket scam, this time from Isleworth. As a reminder, victims are approached outside their homes by a male claiming to have won a large amount of money on the lottery but unable to claim his winnings as he is an illegal immigrant. He is seeking assistance to locate a local firm of solicitors to help him in this matter. Whilst engaged in conversation, a second male appears and advises not to use solicitors but offers with the help of the victim to buy the ticket with cash for a substantial amount of money. The victim was taken in by these convincing males and makes a withdrawal from his bank account and hands over his share. Once the money has changed hands, one of the males fake a sickness and asks the victim to go into a nearby chemists to get him some medication. During the victim's absence, the suspects along with the cash, disappear. Remember if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. If you are approached in this way, please get a good description or a photograph of the suspects and the car registration number and pass the information to Hounslow Police on 0300 123 1212. Thank you.

AND yet another Council Tax scam

A Hounslow resident received a suspicious phone call informing him he was going to receive a tax rebate from the Council tax department for approximately eight thousand pounds because he had paid his council tax on time over the past 6 years. The caller had a strong accent and at times was difficult to understand. When asked for a contact number to ring back on, the caller instantly hung up. Hounslow council would not contact residents in this manner and Trading standards have issued a SCAM warning. Never give personal or banking details to cold callers either on the phone or at your door.

The team at Hounslow Central are: Sgt Alan Murphy, PC Ian Cromey-Hawke, PCSO Natasha Eley, PCSO Samuel Moore, PCSO Richard Kendall

HounslowCentral.snt@met.police.uk 020 8721 2530

www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods

The team at Osterley and Spring Grove are: Sgt Peter Donelan, PC Cliff Davies, PC Patrick Watters, PCSO Thomas Coppock, PCSO Hilane Whittaker, PCSO Shemica Barnes
Osterley.SpringGrove.snt@met.police.uk 020 7161 9004 or 07818 691640.

Please report suspicious callers or offences new or old to police. **To contact Police in non-emergency situations or report a crime contact 0300 123 1212. In an emergency always dial 999.**

AGM DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The SGRA AGM will be held on **Thursday 14th April 2011** at St Vincent de Paul's Church Hall, 7.30 for 7.45pm. Details to follow.

RUBBISH HAZARD IN WORTON WAY

SGRA has received reports of piles of rubbish accumulating in front of a rented house in a part of Worton Way. Our SGRA Vice-Chairman contacted LBH to ascertain the legal position regarding the rubbish and was informed that although a fine may apply, the current Council's policy is to NOT enforce it! If the rubbish becomes a potential hazard, then it should be reported to LBH accordingly.

We realise that this is an unsatisfactory situation for anyone affected and would encourage as many members as possible who have concerns to contact LBH to file a problem report on their website.

https://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=A015_A019_COM_ENVIR_REQ&ENVIRONMENTAL_FAULT=Dumped%20rubbish Or ring **020 8583 5555**, or write **London Borough of Hounslow, Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow TW3 4DN.**

'A VISION FOR HOUNSLOW 2030' CONSULTATION SURVEY

Please give your comments for a future Hounslow on this online survey with a deadline of 11th February.

https://eforms.hounslow.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?sessionid=1&formid=A113_2030_SURVEY

'A vision for Hounslow 2030' is Hounslow Together's agreement to work together to improve and develop the borough over the next 20 years, so that all partners can work together with the community to make the borough a better place. Everyone will have their own ideas about what the vision should be, so take this opportunity to give your thoughts about how you would like the borough to be in 2030.

RACE NIGHT

**Enjoy the fun of a Race Night
at St Vincent De Paul's Church,
Witham Road on
Saturday March 19th.**

First Race 8.00PM, Eight Races

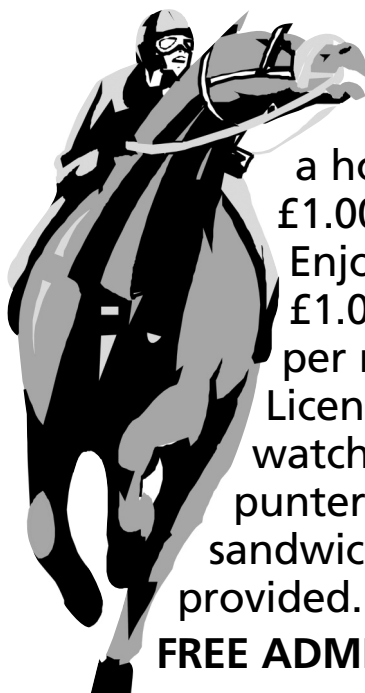
**altogether. To
buy a horse is
£5.00, to train**

**a horse is £5.00,
£1.00 per bet.**

**Enjoy a flutter at
£1.00 per horse
per race.**

**Licensed Bar – As
watching racing gives
punters an appetite,
sandwiches will be
provided.**

FREE ADMISSION



JOIN A FRIENDLY CLUB FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES

Is bowling your thing? Or Line Dancing, modern dancing, quizzes, party nights? Tennis, darts, snooker? Or somewhere to pop in for a relaxing coffee or a delicious, hot and wholesome lunch on your way to Osterley tube? Sunday lunch with the family? A business lunch or hire of a room for a presentation or workshop? Where else do you find an exciting, smart venue for birthdays, weddings and receptions on your doorstep?

New members are always welcome at **Hounslow Conservative Club – H.C.C.** Despite the name, the club is not politically orientated and many members are not members of the Conservative Party. Some of the SGRA committee are members so you should see some faces you recognise.

Primarily a sports and social Club, the main club sports are bowls and tennis and there are also strongly performing teams for cribbage, darts and snooker in the West London Conservative Clubs League.

Three tennis courts are now available. £5.00 a court per hour for members and non members.

There's always a chance to win something at the Club – Bingo on Wednesdays at 9pm - 50p a card, Free members draw, Loopy Lotto, Mini-tote and Meat draw on Sunday lunchtimes. Raffles are held at most functions and special occasions. Plus there's regular Quizzes, Line Dancing and Ladies Keep Fit.

Join just in time for the Saturday 12th February St Valentine's Night Dance with crooner Joe King.

To apply for membership please contact the Club Secretary. There is a one-off joining fee of £10.00 + v.a.t. Membership of HCC also confers membership of the Association of Conservative Clubs which means that you have reciprocal rights with other Conservative Clubs around the country; an affiliation membership is only £3.00 per annum. Pensioners are eligible for a reduced membership rate. Subscriptions are due once a year on January 1st.

OPENING HOURS:

Mon to Sat 1100-2300

Sun 1200-1800 (Sun 1200-1600 in winter)

H.C.C., Gresham Road, Hounslow TW3 4BX

020 8572 7837 and 020 8570 0146

secretary@hounslowconservativeclub.com

WHAT'S ON AT OSTERLEY PARK

WALKING FOR HEALTH

Wednesday 23rd February, 30th March, 27th April

Meet stableyard 9.45 for 10am-11am

Looking to get fitter in 2011? Then join Head Warden for a monthly brisk 60 min walk around the Osterley Park Estate. You'll discover new areas of the park and meet new people - all whilst improving your health. The walk takes in a large circuit of the estate. Make sure you wear sensible shoes and clothes as some areas may be a bit muddy. Dogs on leads welcome. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. Please note: this is a fitness walk so expect the pace to be brisk. No additional charges.

More Information: Visitor Services

020 8232 5050 osterley@nationaltrust.org.uk

Osterley Craft Cart

Thursday 24th February, Thursday 14th and 21st April 1-4pm

Free fun in the park for families.

Family Discovery Days

Sunday 27th March, Sunday 29th May 12-4pm

Free creative fun for families.

Make Mum's Day

Sunday 3rd April 12-4pm

Make mum a posy. Free entry for mum.

WHAT'S ON AT HAM HOUSE & GARDEN

Free Garden Tours

6th Jan until 31st March on Thursday, Saturday and

Sunday, 1pm & 2pm

From 2nd April – Every day, times vary

Booking not needed.

WANTED – COULD YOU HELP WRITE LOCAL NEWS ARTICLES FOR THE SGRA NEWSLETTER?

Our Newsletter compiler and publisher, Lynn Alford-Burow is shortly leaving us and moving from the Spring Grove area. So we have a big gap to fill. If anyone is interested in Spring Grove events and could help with putting together our newsletter, or help with the print production, or would be interested in becoming a committee member please contact **Danny Rybowski 020 8560 2918 danny.sgra@btinternet.com** or any of the committee to find out what is involved.

WANTED – VOLUNTEER TO TAKE MINUTES OF SGRA MEETINGS

If you have a couple of hours to spare on just one evening a month, the SGRA committee need someone to sit in on our friendly, always interesting meetings which are often joined by our local police. Until we can appoint an Association Secretary, we need someone to jot down by hand rough notes of what we discuss. The agenda is always planned ahead and printed out and someone else will type up the minutes afterwards. Please contact **Danny Rybowski 020 8560 2918 danny.sgra@btinternet.com** or any of the committee to find out what is involved.

PLANNING MATTERS AS AT 16th JANUARY 2011 HOUNSLOW CENTRAL

Applications

47 The Drive (00367/47/P2)

Erection of a single storey rear extension to the house to provide a bedroom and bathroom for a disabled person.

Decisions

2-4 Worton Way

Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of rear roof extensions incorporating hip to gable conversion to both houses.

WITHDRAWN 16/12/2010

OSTERLEY & SPRING GROVE

Applications

23 Vincent Road

Erection of a two storey side and rear extension to the house.

Decisions

The Brooklands Eversley Crescent

Pruning of Gleditsia tree to provide a 3m clearance from flats and a crown lift of 2m. Crown reduction to previous points to 2 Lime trees and 2 Sycamore trees in Spring Grove Conservation area.

CONSERVATION TREE WORKS GRANTED 20/12/2010