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Spring Grove Residents' Association

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Dates For Your Diary

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday, 23 April at 7:30 for 7.45 p.m. at the Church Hall of St Vincent de Paul. The relevant paperwork and a reminder will be issued nearer the date. Hope to see you there.

The next Committee meeting is Wednesday, 20 March. Meetings are held in The Milford Arms starting at 8 pm. All members are welcome to join us to observe, contribute, raise concerns or just for a drink. We look forward to seeing you there.

Scams Cost Investors

Victims of pension scams last year lost an average of £91,000 each to fraudsters, new figures show. Overall, since 2015, the Insolvency Service has wound up 24 companies involved in pension fraud, representing 3,750 victims and £202 million of contributions. In April that year, the pension freedoms were introduced, giving pension savers unfettered access to their pots. This led to a spike in pension scams, as fraudsters attempted to capitalise on pensions becoming more flexible and easier to access.

In theory, pension scams will become less commonplace, thanks to the Government's implementation of a ban on cold-calling relating to pensions earlier this month.

This means in effect that any phone-call that you receive from an unknown person or company, where they ask about your pension, is an illegal call.

Financial Times, 8/2/2019



Free Wills Month

The next campaign launches in March 2019!

Free Wills Month brings together a group of well-respected charities to offer members of the public aged 55 and over the opportunity to have their simple Wills written or updated free of charge by using participating solicitors in selected locations around England, Wales and Scotland.

An up to date Will written by a solicitor ensures your wishes are respected. It also avoids difficult decisions and legal complications for your loved ones. Free Wills Month allows you to provide for family and friends and leave a gift to your chosen charities too.

A gift in your Will costs you nothing now but can make a difference for years to come.

Check which Solicitors are participating in the event online at freewillsmoth.org.uk



Recycle Old Glasses

If you've worn glasses for a few years, you've probably got a few pairs that have an old prescription. Those glasses don't need to be cluttering up your drawers – you can now recycle spectacles with Marie Curie.

Marie Curie is supporting **Lions Clubs International** in recycling old glasses for people who need them in communities across Africa, India and Eastern Europe. All their shops will have boxes where spectacles can be dropped off for spectacle recycling. Lions Clubs have been in partnership with Marie Curie for the past four years and have helped them with **Great Daffodil Appeal** collections. To date they've help them raise over £700,000.

You can get involved by donating any old glasses you have to **Richmond Marie Curie Shop**. 1 Lichfield Terrace, Sheen Road, Richmond, TW9 1AS, and by encouraging your friends and family to take part.



Hounslow Central

Applications

7 Herbert Place

Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, rear roof extension with roof windows to the front and an increase in roof height, with a new window to the side elevation at first floor level.

4 Worton Gardens

Erection of a two storey side, single storey rear extension to the house with window to the side. Single storey outbuilding to the rear of the house.

64 Worton Way

Ground floor rear extension 6 metres deep, maximum height of 2.95 metres, 2.8 metres high to the eaves.

Decisions

58 The Drive (PA1)

Ground floor rear extension 6.0 metres deep, maximum height 3 metres, 3 metres high to the eaves. PRIOR APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED 18/01/2019

58 The Drive (P2)

Erection of single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory. APPROVED 14/02/2019

77 The Drive

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as three self contained flats. REFUSED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED) 15/02/2019

Osterley & Spring Grove

Applications

2 Eversley Crescent

Ground floor rear extension 5.8 deep, maximum height 2.475, 3.5 high to the eaves.

Decisions

None



This review – which was carried out by former housing minister, Nick Raynsford – aims to transform ‘a troubled system into one capable of delivering the outcomes our nation deserves’ and deliver ‘a better, fairer and more transparent planning system, focused on delivering the high quality and sustainable places in which we all aspire to live and work’.

The current planning system is seen to be too focused on delivering high quantities of new houses, with little or no consideration for where they should be built, the quality of their design, and whether they are genuinely affordable.

The final report makes a series of 24 recommendations that would completely reform the planning system, making it fit for purpose. The recommendations include: redefining the purpose of planning system; reforms to ensure the planning system is centred around people and their communities; delivering a new ‘community covenant’; capturing the ‘betterment values’ in order to ensure a higher quality of development that the nation needs; and boosting the numbers and development of high-calibre, visionary planners.

We look forward to the Government’s response to the Raynsford Review and its recommendations.



Community Volunteering

Cultivate London currently welcome volunteers on Wednesdays (9am – 4pm) at the Salopian Garden, 689 London Road, Isleworth. They also now and again need a bit of extra help with one-off projects that require many hands such as seed sowing, potting, general plant care, weeding and harvesting.

- All ages welcome
- No need to book
- Activities are based outdoors so dress appropriately for the weather
- Tea and biscuits provided!



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