



January 2017

AGM of MSA

This will be held on Thursday 9th February, 2017, in the Parish Room at St Mark's Church. Refreshments at 7.30pm, Meeting at 8.0pm. All residents of Myddelton Square are invited. We look forward to seeing you at our AGM. See invitation and reply form attached to this email.

Subscriptions for 2017 are now due (£5). You can pay by bank transfer to MSA: sort code 090151 acct. 00839401; or by cheque (MSA) to Shirley Duggan, Flat 24, 43-53.

Obituary It is with regret that we report the death of Mrs Olive Besagni aged 91 on December 12th 2016. A resident of the Square for 54 years, Olive recently edited 'A Better Life' a collection of oral histories documenting the lives of Italian families in Clerkenwell.

Note: new Collection Day for Rubbish and Recycling

From 6th February the Council's collection round for Myddelton Square will be made on Tuesday morning instead of Friday. Recycling can be put out late on Monday for collection the next day. If you would like a new recycling or food waste container go to www.islington.gov.uk/recycling



Court Hearing on 17-18 January

As reported in the Myddelton Square Gardens Group Bulletin 25, Islington Council have a new 15 year lease at a peppercorn rent to run and maintain the Gardens. Thanks to the LBI legal officer, P Suzic, to R Bhowse QC and to witnesses, J Gilchrist and S Garfinkel. During the Hearing reference was made to the letters and emails sent by residents in support of the Council. Thanks to those who gave that support at that time. Thanks to those who attended the Hearing: E Smith, J Wainwright, G Pickering, J Ward, J Courtnell, S Hull, H Potts, M Potts.

News from St Mark's Church

The work on the front entrance steps is nearing completion. The stonemason has used Portland Stone. The ramp for disabled access is awaiting planning approval by the Council.

Planting in the Gardens by Islington Council

Information supplied by Dave Bamford LBI South Area Parks Manager. The Area Parks Team arranged corporate volunteers to help to prepare and dig over the beds.

The Grounds Maintenance Team have planted shade-tolerant native daffs and crocus to brighten up shady corners of the park and to extend seasonal nectar availability. 3000 bulbs were funded from the biodiversity budget. Recycled North



London Green Waste Soil Improver was added to beds prior to planting. A planting plan was created by the GM team and agreed by the AP team; the aim was to add colour and seasonal interest, focusing on bird and bee friendly plant types and improving the park's sightlines. 250 plants were funded from the GM Service budget.

On the day of planting, some planting locations were changed as tree roots were a problem, so the original layout is not entirely accurate. A watering program is in place to help plants establish and a new watering point will be installed shortly. For details about the plants contact Dave Bamford.

MSA Membership All residents and owners of property in the Square are invited to join MSA. Contact the MSA Chair or Treasurer.

For more information about MSA see: www.myddeltonsquare.co.uk.

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Below. Photos showing the recent planting in the Gardens by Islington Council.

