

# This Is Your Community Newsletter

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**Hi!** The Roupell Park Community is very special to us. What we share is an enthusiasm to bring **you**, our resident, a range of new opportunities and a passionate belief that what we do makes a difference.

Although we publish the newsletter, we never lose sight that it is **yours**. So, let us know what you think and how you'd like to shape it - and do join our community team!

With best wishes for the rest of 2015! **Eva Christmas.**



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## Roupell Park website live!!!!

Our Roupell Park website went live in early January; you can now find us at [www.rouPELLpark.co.uk](http://www.rouPELLpark.co.uk)

We also have a twitter account [@rouPELLpark](https://twitter.com/rouPELLpark), so time for you to view our tweets. Our web page provides rounded information on who we are and what we do, plus all relevant community news and publications; you can also email us directly via our web link. This is still work in progress but let us know what you think and how you like it; we'd love to hear from you! Thank you for visiting us online.

Families and Parents

## Confidence Building Day

Monday, 16 February from 3.30 – 6.30pm

Venue: High Trees Community Development Trust  
(corner of Tulse Hill and Upper Tulse Hill) SW2 2NS

If you are a parent/carer, then this is a workshop for YOU! It is designed to help you understand how you can help your child overcome bullying, which can have a highly detrimental to the wellbeing of your child. This is a practical, step by step workshop in a supportive environment.

The workshop is conducted by Julie Wilkinson, who has over 20 years of experience in child protection. **Please note that the date and the venue have changed**, so that we can provide crèche services for parents, but you must let us know in advance if you need this facility. Also, light refreshments will be provided.

To register, please call Eva on 07983 584 767

**Heads up!** Exciting new opportunity for creative young people who'd like to start a business is about to be launched in March; fashion and jewellery design! Guidance provided with both, creative training and the business side of things – for more info visit [www.rouPELLpark.co.uk](http://www.rouPELLpark.co.uk) or call Eva on 07983 584 767



### Dates for you Diary

#### The Senior Citizens Coffee Morning

The Over 60s Club is holding a coffee morning **every Tuesday without fail**, from 10.30am – 12.30pm at the RP Community Centre (Hyperion Hall). If you haven't already been there, come for a cuppa and a chat, or a game of bingo!

This club is free of charge for all pensioners from the Estate and their friends, but a voluntary donation of 20 pence per visit is kindly appreciated!

Both photos were taken from their belated Christmas lunch in January '15, but open only to those who attend on a regular basis. This could be **you** next time round!



#### Estate Walkabout

At the end of last year we introduced monthly Estate walkabouts. We gave January a miss but the next one is due on **Wed, 11 Feb from 2 – 3.30pm**. As we can only visit a couple of blocks at a time, we'll be knocking on doors of Hyperion and Fairview House this time round. The aim of these walkabouts is to promote the courses, activities and services that we provide, and also to find out first hand from you of any other issues you might have. This is a good opportunity to get a few more signatures for the speed bump petition, which we will be submitting in the Spring.

#### Homework Club up and running

After its launch on the 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, the Homework Club is up and running at the RP Community Hall. It runs a two hour session each Wednesday (for years 4 – 7) and on Thursday (for years 7 – 9); both days from 5.00 – 7.00pm. If you are interested in improving your child's attainment at school, please hurry and register your child now, as numbers are limited. There are only a couple of spaces left for the Wednesday group and just a few more for the Thursday session. **There is no charge for this service.** To book, or for more details, please call Navlet Williamson on 0207 737 4274 or 07984 337 812, or our Roupell Park main office number.



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*Important Info below*

## Falling Concrete and Major Works

For many years there have been cases where pieces of the concrete structure of many of the blocks on the estate have become loose or have fallen from the buildings. There is also considerable sign of cracking and water damage to the underside of the balconies caused by failure of the asphalt covering to the walkways, which needs to be replaced.

Over the last few months the problem has become worse and, as a result, we have had to fence off a number of areas and warn some residents not to use their private balconies.

Because of these problems, RPRMC has been lobbying Lambeth Living to allocate funds to carry out a range of improvements to the outside of the blocks on the Estate and we are glad to say that we have been successful in getting funding for the works to begin this year.

Improvements include :

- Concrete repairs
- Resurfacing of all balconies to prevent further water penetration
- Renewing the windows to Hyperion House and Warnham House, including the staircases and other communal areas
- Renewing front doors that have not already been changed

These works are extensive and will be needed to most of the blocks. This will mean most of the Estate being scaffolded. It also means that we will need to ensure that we get value for money by tendering the work and that we carry out the required consultation with leaseholders and tenants. It is therefore unlikely that any works will start until the autumn and they may last up to a year.

However, unlike the recently completed works to the inside of tenant's homes, RPRMC staff will be closely involved in the whole process of planning and controlling the contractors doing the work. We will therefore have much greater control to make sure that a good job is done.



Roupell Park Community Centre (Hyperion hall) is now revamped! A main partition wall has been taken away, so it is now more roomy and open. Also, the heating has been upgraded so it is suitably warm and cosy, as these winter months are proving to be rather chilly. In short, it is fit for purpose as a community space. We are very happy with the result!

RP have had a handful of residents who have failed to give access to Birchcroft for gas checks. This can result in accidents, and even in fatalities, if your gas appliances prove to be faulty. We would like to remind all tenants to comply with your Tenancy terms and conditions; **you must give access to our staff and contractors.**

If you smell gas in your property please call TRANSCO on 0800 111 999.

## RENT ARREARS

In the last newsletter we urged everyone to make sure that they prioritised paying their rent over Christmas. Most people did – **Thank You!**

However some people didn't listen. Sadly, we have evicted two people in the last month. We also have three other cases where we are awaiting the bailiffs to carry out three further evictions, including families with children.

This is not something we enjoy doing, but people cannot expect to live rent free. Please make paying your rent your priority and if you have any problems, get in touch with Sylvia or Stefan, your housing officers. We are here to help and assist you, but you need to come forward so we can do so.

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**Out of hour services: 020 7926 6000**

Our opening times are:

**Monday 8.30 - 5.00pm**

**Tuesday 9.00 - 5.00pm**

**Wednesday 9.00 - 1.00pm**

**(closed half day for staff training)**

**Thursday 8.30 - 5.00pm**

**Friday 9.00 - 4.00pm**

**RP repairs number 020 7926 0214**

**Lambeth Call Centre Out of Hours 020 7926 6666,  
but call after 5.00pm.**

