

# Woodford Green Amenity Group



## Newsletter Spring/Summer 2023

Reg Charity No. 273343

Dear Reader,

As we go into a second summer without any covid restrictions we can all look forward to fully socialising and travelling. However, the tail end of covid last year did seem to reduce membership renewals and new memberships and therefore a reduction in income. Last year we delivered 3500 newsletters locally but sadly this did not generate many new memberships. Despite having hosted a very successful quiz evening last October the money from subscriptions and the quiz evening was not enough to fund the hanging baskets in The Broadway. This year we have lost further committee members due to age related illnesses but at recent meetings some local younger residents have joined the committee. This will enable us to address our technical issues and bring fresh ideas for events and fundraising.

I have been asked to remember Edward Ayling (see back page) who passed away this May and was the treasurer for many years in the early days of the Woodford Green Amenity Group.

Michael Brook, Vice Chairman



King's Coronation Flags



Village Sign



Poppy Day Flags

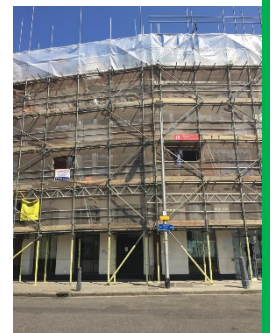
### Development on Woodford Green Police Station

The site of the former Woodford Green Police Station was closed in January 2021. It has been acquired by the developers Jasper Group. The developers held several consultations with the local community in 2022, however, an application for the development has not yet come to the Council's Planning Committee.



### Site of the former Barclay's Bank in Woodford Broadway

The site of the former Barclay's Bank in Woodford Broadway has been under construction for some time, following the closure of the bank branch in 2018. Following enquiries made we can confirm that the council's planning department received a planning application regarding 33 and 34 The Broadway. The proposal, which was granted, includes a change of use for the ground floor from a bank to a flexible retail floor space and a change of use for the first floor from offices to 2 x 2 bedroom, self-contained flats and refurbishment of the flats on the second floor. Also an addition of a third floor with mansard roof containing 2 x 1 bedroom flats.



**2023 Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @ 7:30 pm**  
**Lower Meeting Room, Seasons Bar**  
**15 The Broadway**  
**Woodford Green**

**Quiz Night**  
**7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 @ 7:30 pm**  
**Contact: [thewgag@gmail.com](mailto:thewgag@gmail.com) to book your ticket**

### **Whipps Cross Hospital Redevelopment**

The Secretary of State for Health recently announced that the development of Whipps Cross Hospital (WXH) will be part of the New Hospital Programme. As such, the WXH redevelopment will be part of a 20 billion programme covering some 40 hospitals, all to be completed by 2030. Enquiries made about the possible start date of the WXH redevelopment have revealed that no firm date has been forthcoming and have been countered with the expression that “discussions are still being held with various government parties”. Whilst the site clearance, as part of the enabling works has been done there remains a huge amount of design work, tendering etc. before works can start on site with probably a 2 year construction period. So, we wait to hear from the government!

### **Telephone kiosk at the top of Broadmead Road**

Readers may have noticed that this listed grade II structure was falling into serious disrepair with a missing door and a dilapidated appearance. Following pressure by Woodford Green Amenity Group on both the London Borough of Redbridge, responsible for the legal requirement that owners of listed structures must maintain them in good condition and pressure on the owners of the kiosk, British Telecom, the kiosk has been restored with a fresh coat of paint and a replacement door. Enquiries to BT on the likely use of the kiosk have been met with little response. WGAG will continue to raise questions with BT on this topic to enable the kiosk to return it to a useful structure.

### **Former Woodford Green United Reformed Church now The Liberty Church**

The church (previously the Woodford Green United Free Church) at High Elms, aka the church behind the duck pond or the church with the red cross, closed at the end of June 2022 and the building sold at the end of December. It is now home to a congregation of The Liberty Church. ([www.thelibertychurch.com](http://www.thelibertychurch.com)). The church would be happy to welcome anyone to their services. While the former members of WGURC are sad that their congregation in Woodford Green have closed, they are happy that the building remains a place of Christian worship. The other former URC in Ray Lodge Road is now the home of Huaxia Chinese Church.



### **Woodford Broadway Cash Machines Closes**

The cash machine by the Co-Op facing out onto Pankhurst Green has been taken out of service and boarded up. This was a cash machine that charged for withdrawals and apparently it was not used very much. Luckily there are still two other cash machines in The Broadway, one by Sainsbury's and one outside the entrance of Woodford Station.

### **King's Coronation**

The community of Woodford Green came together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on the weekend of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. There were street parties all over Woodford Green including on The Vale, Kings Avenue, Dale Gardens, The Hollow and Mornington Close. The Broadway and Woodford Green Library were also decorated with Union Jack bunting by the WGAG for the occasion with several shops also having their own window displays.

### **WGAG Celebration Tree**

The tree was well used over the last year. It was lit for the various religious festivals and also the fences decorated to commemorate the Queen's Birthday, her Platinum Jubilee, her passing, the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh, Poppy Day and finally the Coronation of King Charles III. It was much appreciated by the local residents who left many complimentary comments.

### **Woodford Arts Group Spring Exhibition**

The Woodford Arts Group, a group of locally based artists, put on a fantastic exhibition of local Woodford art for 6 days at Sir James Hawkey Hall (Broomhill Road, Woodford Green) from Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. The event was attended by hundreds of local residents and included artwork to purchase as well as free demonstration classes. The Woodford Green Amenity Group also had a table at the festival.



# QUIZ NIGHT

Book your table of 8-10 Brainboxes via email at [thewgag@gmail.com](mailto:thewgag@gmail.com)

The quiz will be held at  
All Saints Church, Inmans Row, Woodford Green, IG8 0NH  
On  
Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:30 pm sharp!



*Tickets £10 per person*

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles**

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2023 - 2024 Annual Subscription from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Subscriptions:**  
Per household: £5  
Shops and Business Premises: £25  
Donation? £

Name(s) .....  
Address .....  
Postcode .....  
Tel. No .....  
Mobile .....  
Email .....

**Methods of Payment:**  
Bank Transfer:  
Sort code: 20 52 74  
Acc. Number: 10977993  
Acc. Name: The Woodford Green Amenity Group  
Ref: Your surname, post code and door number

(Please post application form to the Membership Secretary,  
c/o 13 Kings Avenue, Woodford Green, IG8 0JD)

Or  
By cheque made payable to The Woodford Green  
Amenity Group and post to the Membership  
Secretary at the address opposite.

I would like the Woodford Green Amenity Group to apply for gift Aid on my behalf  
*I am a UK Tax Payer & understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of the Gift  
Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.*

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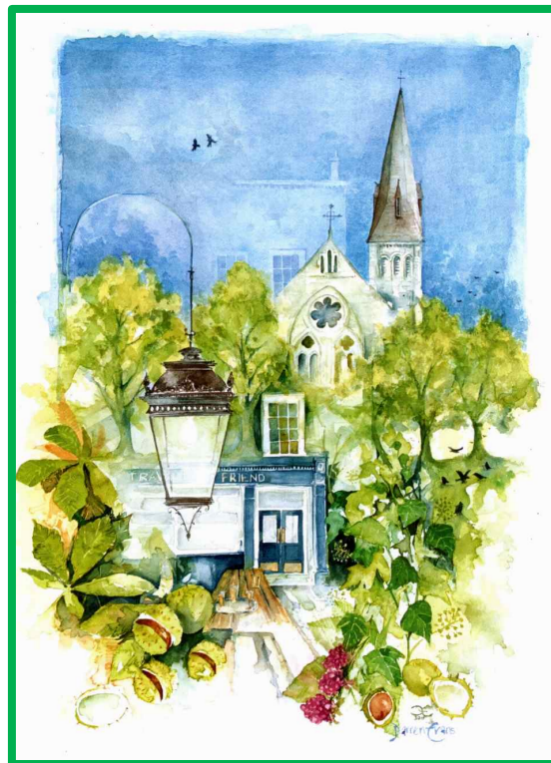
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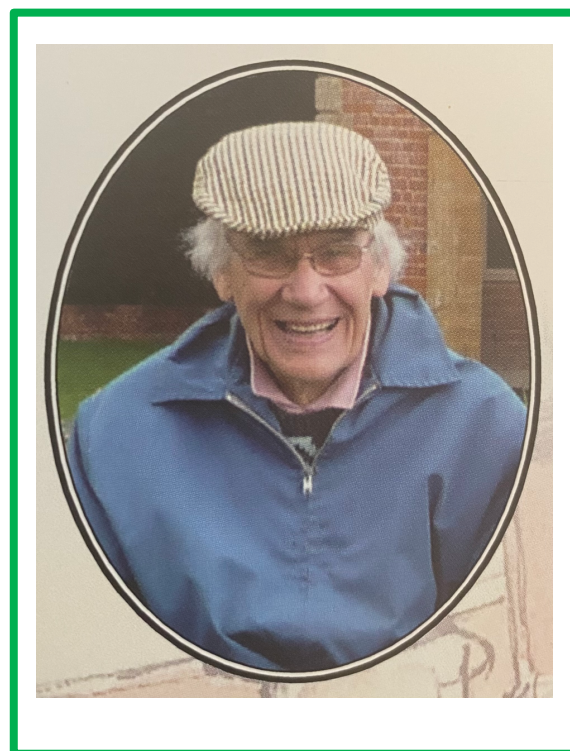
Sales table at the Art Festival



Our local scene card



King Charles III Coronation



In loving memory of Edward Ayling, former treasurer of WGAG