



The SHARP End News

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Welcome to our newsletter

The newsletter will be available online on our website and on paper from the office

We held our AGM on 1st February at the Pembury Community Centre. It was a novel occasion with both face-to-face and Zoom attendees. Thank you to all those who attended in support of the organisation and the trustees. We voted in a new Treasurer, Tim, who will succeed the current Treasurer, Candy, in April 2022.

We are grateful to all trustees for their dedication and hard work. Special thanks go to Frances for chairing the organisation in such difficult times, and to Candy for all her efforts in managing the finances and processing the Gift Aid claim.

Recent highlights New classes!

Make A Splash - Aqua Aerobics takes place at 1.30pm on Mondays at Kings Hall and will run until August 2022. Please register at the Sharp End office before attending.

Just Up Your Street - We will be running bi-monthly Hackney walks with a guide, starting on 8th April at 11.30am and then on 8th and 22nd April, 6th and 20th May, June (to be confirmed). Places are limited so booking essential. Donations welcomed.

Future Activities include: Trips to Kew Gardens on 19th April, 15th June, 14th July, and 7th October. Booking essential.

Barbecue in partnership with Shrubland Road Tenants and Residents Association on 8th June at 1.30 - 3.30pm

Tour of Arsenal's Emirates Stadium - date to be confirmed

Results of the survey

The responses were informative and useful, giving insight into your experiences and expectations.

It was good to hear that Sharp End classes have played an important part in members' lives, particularly in the last couple of years. There was praise for the service and support given during lockdown both on Zoom and through direct contact with staff.

It seems that the Sharp End was one of only a few local organisations to maintain a service throughout the pandemic.

Members' suggestions for the future include having a cafe and making use of a garden for outdoor classes and socials in the spring and summer. Thirty four members expressed interest in learning more about the User Group and in attending meetings so please come along!

User Group

The User Group, run by and for Sharp End members, plans to meet at the beginning and end of each term.

We are a 'member-led' organisation so your views on classes and ideas for the future are appreciated, and your participation is welcome. We also discuss ways in which we can help Naz in the office.

The next meeting is on Friday 29th April at 11.15 - 12.30 RSVP.

Area of focus

Fundraising continues to be our main priority. Our organisation continues to reflect that we are fit for purpose, ever more so in these difficult times.

Fundraising ideas includes, car boot sale, sponsoring a User Member, encouraging donations from existing members. We need more idea from you.

Closure dates: No

classes Good Friday & Easter Monday only.

Membership renewal:

April will be the start of the new quarter, which lasts 3 months. The fee remains the same at £20 per quarter. Donations are always welcome.

When to pay fees?

April for Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun)

July for Quarter 2 (Jul-Sep)

Oct for Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec)

Jan for Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar)

How to pay?

Cash, cheques & bank transfer only.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact office for further details

Fundraising hosted by Stronghold Climbing Centre

Walking Group 'Just Up Your Street'

Trips to Kew Gardens

Tour of Emirates Stadium

Party in partnership with Shrubland TRA



Next user group meeting

**User Group meet up
Friday 29th April @
11.15am to 12.30pm
RSVP**