

Olive Mount Community Centre  
in partnership with



# The Olive Press

## Forthcoming Events.....

### Day Trip to Stapely Water Gardens Thursday 25th June

Departing at 10.00am returning approx 5.00pm



There's something for the whole family at Stapely Water Gardens! With everything you need for the home and garden; water gardening water features, pond products, indoor & outdoor plants, furniture, pets, clothing and gifts, as well as a Camping & Outdoor Centre; and for keen Anglers in the family, an enormous Angling Centre. At the Palms Tropical Oasis there's over 100 species of rare and exotic wildlife and dazzling tropical plantlife to explore.

**Cost: £8.50 inc travel and entrance fee.**

**Please book to secure your seat. Contact Diane on 224 0351.**

## Marie Curie Cancer Care Blooming Great Tea Party

Thursday 9th July 10.00am - 3.00pm



South Drive Resource Centre who are based in L15 have approached us to help them organise a fundraising event at Olive Mount Community Centre. We will be taking part in Marie Curie's Blooming Great Tea Party and holding In partnership with Cosmopolitan Housing and South Drive resource Centre based in Wavertree we will be holding a Blooming Great Tea Party at Olive Mount Community Centre and is inviting everyone in the neighbourhood to come and raise their cups for Marie Curie Cancer Care. All money raised will help more Marie Curie nurses o provide free care fro terminally ill people in their own homes or at one of the charity's hospices. Diane Maddock said "This is all about getting together with friends old and new and having some fun. It doesn't take much to pop the kettle on and all money raised will make such a difference to many people long after the party is over. The more money we raise, the more free care Marie Curie nurses can provide to people with terminal illness. What better reason to get involved?

**Come along between 10.00-3.00pm for some Reiki massage, Reflexology and other alternative therapies. We will be holding a Cake Sale at 1.45pm to raise some funds! All welcome – come and get involved!**

## Brouhaha Returns..... Thursday 30th July

Music and dancing from 1pm  
at Olive Mount Gardens

So many will be pleased to hear that we have organised another event in partnership with Brouhaha. Olive Mount and Brouhaha are old friends, they have been invited to the neighbourhood many times over the years and they never fail to disappoint. This year we will be seeing acts.

**Day trip to  
Llandudno & Conwy  
Thursday 13th August**

**Departing at 10.00am  
returning approx 6.00pm**

**More details to follow**

## European Neighbours Day

Cosmopolitan teamed up with Arena Homes, Steve Biko Housing and Plus Dane to invite residents to come together at Olive Mount Gardens to celebrate being neighbours! The afternoon was packed with family fun with Stilt Walkers dressed as bugs!, Face Painting, Magician's, Savoy Jazz Band & Gardening Workshop's.

There were a few people who were lucky enough to have won flowering pot's in the free raffle and am sure they will look after these during the summer and re-plant next year with their new skills they picked up during the gardening workshop's.



The highlight of the event was the complimentary Strawberry Tea, fresh scones from L'Oven Cakes on Smithdown Road with fresh cream, jam and fruit! They went down an absolute treat! In addition, Liverpool's Lord Mayor, Local Councillor Mike Storey paid a visit to the award winning gardens and later said of the event "I really enjoyed meeting the residents and seeing the interaction and friendship between everyone".

European Neighbours Day is celebrated in over 29 European countries and is celebrated by eight million people.



## Local's Scoop at The VERA's

Cosmopolitan Housing Association has been paying tribute to the people who make a difference to its service and their communities.

Radio City's Pete Price was guest of honour as the Liverpool based housing association held its annual VERA (short for Volunteer Effort Reward and Acknowledge) earlier this year in February.

"The VERAs are an important date in our calendar each year" said Cosmopolitan Housing Group Chief Executive, Geoff Redhead. "They're our chance to publicly thank the few special individuals who go that extra mile, not only for us but for their neighbourhoods."

Doris Moss, a tenant of Olive Mount in Wavertree, was named Cosmopolitan's Best Neighbour. Doris has been actively volunteering in the community for over 27 years. She is involved in numerous local groups and has led fundraising campaigns for the RNLI and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Ginger Ryland won an award under the Best Garden category. Ginger's garden is an abundance of colour with many local's marvelling at his front garden whilst the flowers are in full bloom.



**See the back page for all forthcoming events!**

## Olive Mount Dowry Trust Update

Olive Mount Community Centre is in a very lucky position compared to many other Centre's across the country. This is because it is financially secure for the next 30 years. Liverpool Housing Action Trust gave a "Dowry" to cover the running costs for 30 years. The total amount they gave was £121.155, the Trustees of this Dowry Agreement ensure that this amount is safe and secure earning interest daily.

We are pleased to report that the Dowry has a very healthy balance of £125.623 (as at 31 March 2009) despite annual expenditure on the Centre's running costs such as gas, electric, cleaning services and maintenance.

## Hair We Go! - Hair by Jayne

Come along and treat yourself to a new hairstyle by Jayne, the Salon is open every **Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm**. Call Jayne for your appointment now on **07773 090 822**. Prices start from a very reasonable £5.00!



## Ello Ello Ello, What's all this then?

This is to introduce your local Policing Team who will be attending Olive Mount Community Centre each month during the Bacon Butty Morning that are held each Wednesday.

The Officers that cover the Wavertree neighbourhood are based at Admiral Street Police Station, the team consists of Constable Carol McCartney and Community Support Officers Jess Maloney, Ashley Chana, Nadine Humphries and David Jones.

We deal with a wide range of issues including parking issues, anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and other Crime. When a problem is identified within the Wavertree Ward a Community meeting is held and we decide upon a plan involving other agencies such as the Council, Housing providers and Youth services to help tackle the issues.

We also try to involve the community in diversionary activities such as Ice skating, Football, Easter Egg hunts. Some of you may remember the Christmas Bingo held at the Community Centre?

Working in partnership with Cosmopolitan Housing it has been decided to run a surgery at the Community Centre where you can call in to discuss any issues you may have.

Feel free to pop in, even if it is just to say Hello! We look forward to seeing you in over the forthcoming months. If you need to contact us, please call us on 777 5353. Please note that this number should not be used in the event of an Emergency and 999 should be dialled instead.

Best regards  
Carol, Jess, Ashley, Nadine and Dave

**Please note the dates below that a dedicated Officer will be on call at the Centre between 10.30-11.30am 23rd June 2009 - 28th July 2009 - 25th August 2009 - 29th September 2009 - 27th October 2009 - 17th November 2009.**

**Bacon Butty Morning each Tuesday from 10am!**

## Olive Mount Garden's News..... Marie Curie Field of Hope

You will have noticed that Olive Mount Gardens were awash with daffodil's this spring – 4000 to be precise! The bulbs were planted in response to local people's ideas to have our own Marie Curie "Field of Hope" – have you seen the fantastic one in Sefton Park?

Community Centre Users have raised funds for Marie Curie over the past few years, therefore having our own "Field of Hope" is testament to those who have kindly run events that have been enjoyed by so many. Thanks to all those involved!



**Daffodil's in full bloom at Olive Mount Gardens**

## Olive Mount Garden's Update

The Olive Gardens Steering Group meets each quarter to discuss issues around the gardens. The group have been instrumental over the past six years relating to the design and the subsequent numerous awards it has won since its opening some two years ago.

Most recently the group mentioned that dog fouling in the gardens was an issue and I urge anyone who takes their dog's for a walk to keep them on a lead at all times, to clean up any mess and use the dog bins provided.

The group identified that Superlilylambananala's paintwork had been suffering with both the bad weather and children climbing on her back. I am pleased to report that the Artist has remedied all the paintwork and is back to its great condition. How lucky are we to have our very own Superlambanana?????

The Gardens are a public open space, therefore we have to open during daylight hours (as recommended by Liverpool City Council), therefore, during the Summer months we will open by 9am and close by 7pm – some may question that this is too early, but we have to be mindful of young people causing nuisance in the gardens and those who secure the gates each evening.

If you have any queries relating to the Gardens please contact **Diane Maddock on 224 0351**.

**During the Summer Months.....**

**Olive Mount Gardens will open at 9am and close at 7pm**

## Spring Steps forward with Local Gardeners

We are pleased to announce that we are working in partnership with a local Social Enterprise – Include Environmental who is part of the Plus Dane Group. There are many benefits to working in partnership with a Social Enterprise especially with Olive Mount Gardens and the close connection it holds with the local community. A Social Enterprise utilises the skills of local people ultimately providing local jobs and training.



**Alex and his team from Include Environmental**