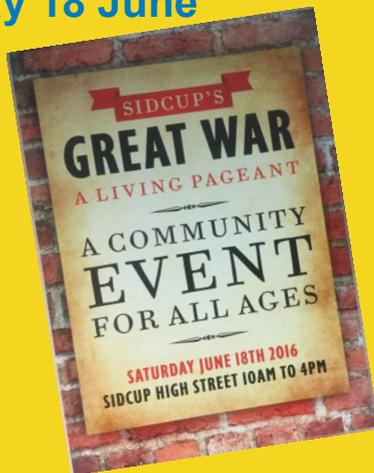


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**Future, past and present are all featured in this month's edition. We look to the past and also to the future of Queen Mary's and your help is needed.**

## Sidcup's Great War Pageant Saturday 18 June



Queen Mary's will have a stand at this event which is being held on Saturday 18 June between 10am and 4pm. Come along - it promises to be a fun day for young and old alike with something for everyone, from street plays to concerts and choirs to serenades. There will be a poppy trail for the children and plenty of stalls and talks at various places up and down the High Street. Closing the event will be the Ceremony of Remembrance at the War Memorial, Sidcup Green led by the Royal British Legion, Sidcup & Footscray Branch. Log on to the pageant's facebook page **sidcup's great war pageant** for more details.

## Brands Hatch experience

Sidcup Speakability Group had a trip out to the Brands Hatch race circuit on Thursday 12 May and what a great day they had. Thanks to Paul Meaton who arranged the event for the group. Paul and Sue Almond together run this self-help support group for adults suffering speech/communication problems following a stroke or other neurological condition.

Paul said: "We managed to negotiate a special deal with the race circuit that gave us exclusive use of the track and four sports cars each with a professional driver to take all those that wanted to around the track. And most did including those in wheelchairs who could be transferred to sit in one of the cars! Each person was then treated to 2 laps around the track at either a 'slow' speed of up to 70mph or, for those brave enough to take the challenge and don a crash helmet, up to 110mph. Again, most did! It was wonderful to see members

enjoying the experience and doing something they wouldn't now normally be able to do. And prove to themselves that life is for living!

It was a great day out for everyone and the icing on the cake was the weather. After a few days of heavy rain the sun came out so that everyone could spend time watching the cars race around the track and enjoy a picnic lunch arranged through the catering staff at the track."



**QM Centenary** - Next year heralds the Centenary of Queen Mary's (Queen's) hospital, Sidcup. The team are keen to mark this auspicious occasion by hosting some special events throughout 2017. We would like to mark this special year for Queen Mary's with a chronological history of events. Do you have any pictures, memorabilia, facts or stories from over the years that have either involved you or members of your family that you would like to share? We hope to mark this special time with lots of photos, pictures and as many interesting articles as possible around the site and in the newsletters throughout next year. Please do contact us via [denise.webb@oxleas.nhs.uk](mailto:denise.webb@oxleas.nhs.uk) so that we can start to get all these things put together.



### **Important information for staff - car park permits expire soon**

The QMH old plastic style Staff Car Park Permit will no longer be valid as from Friday 17 June 2016. After this date, warning notices will be issued for one week.

From 27 June 2016 penalty notices will be issued if you are displaying the incorrect permit in your vehicle.

Please contact the Queen Mary's Estates Office, D Block, 0208 302 2678 ext 4030 to arrange for a new permit.

Failure to obtain a valid permit will incur a parking charge notice being issued.

### **News in Brief**

**B Block** redevelopments are on track. More details will be provided in next month's edition regarding our ALD (Adult Learning Difficulty) service which is scheduled for completion in September 2016.

All existing routes remain fully operational.

**B Block** entrance will be closing on 16 September as part of the refurbishment programme. More details on alternative routes and signage will be provided in next month's newsletter.

**Works** will be commencing shortly on upgrading the fire alarm system in B Block.

**Children's Development Centre** - redevelopments are on track.

**Cancer Centre** - is almost complete. A more detailed update will be given in next month's edition.

**The old KWW** is now completely demolished and the site is now completely clear. All works on this plot of land have now ceased.

### **Your news and questions**

If you have any interesting news from Queen Mary's new or old you would like to share, views about anything within this newsletter, or any questions you would like to ask about what is happening around Queen Mary's, do get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you, contact:

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