

January 2014

## Next 'Meet the Board' Drop-in Session

Have a question? A concern? A request? Here is your chance to meet informally with Board members at our next drop-in session, which will be from 6:30 to 8 pm on Tuesday, 28 January in 2 Fernwood, with Board members Craig and James. Come on by for a cuppa and a biscuit, introduce yourself, and let us know what's on your mind!

## Recycle your cooking fats and oils

We have recently installed a collection point for leftover and used cooking fats and oils. The collected fats and oils are turned into biodiesel, a renewable energy source for vehicles and power generation. In addition to the environmental benefits, Wimbledon Park will save money by not having to pay to clear drains and sewers, which become blocked when fats and oils are poured down the sink or toilet.

It's easy to get started—just begin pouring your fats and oils into a clean empty tin, and cover it with a free plastic lid, available from the Office. Once it's full, just drop it, lid and all, into the recycling barrel (pictured, with Nick Ives, the *Unblocking the Community* project manager). The barrel is located in the parking lot between Fernwood and Wimbledon Park Court, opposite the library.

For more information, see <http://www.properoils.co.uk/unblocking-the-community/recycler> or contact the Office.



## Reducing your water bill

Many thanks to Diana, a Wimbledon Park resident, who shared her experience in reducing her water bill at the last General Meeting. Her advice is to:

1. Call Thames Water on 0845 641 0062 and arrange for a technician to call to see if you can have a water meter fitted. All residents, including Council tenants, are eligible.
2. Even if a meter cannot be fitted, Thames Water will most likely reduce your water bill significantly. Diana's bill will be nearly halved.

## Note to Council tenants

If you are a Council tenant, please note that **after 31 March 2014 the Office will no longer be able to accept your rent payments, whether in cash or by cheque.** Your options after that are to:

- Use the paying-in book provided to you at any branch of Barclays Bank (including the one on Replingham Road)
- Pay by standing order
- Pay by direct bank transfer

We will send you further information regarding this change, but if you have questions or need assistance in the meantime, please contact the Office.




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