

THE FRIENDS OF PALMEIRA AND ADELAIDE

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual Report 2012

This has been another busy year for everyone, not just for the Friends of Palmeira & Adelaide. However, we have continued to work on behalf of the residents wherever we have felt we can contribute to the best preservation of our surroundings and lives here in the Square and Crescent.

The garden areas are a major part of our involvement and we now have hopes that some of the trees on the east side of the Square will be replaced, with a few additions to be planted in small groups. The weather has not helped of course, so the trees have not appeared yet, no doubt they will be planted in the Spring now. This garden is a challenging area to plant trees, and so good weather in the new year would be very helpful.

As part of the Brunswick in Bloom entry in 2012 we were again successful in achieving a Silver Gilt award, and this is not just down to the gardens, but also to each individual whose plants in window boxes and planters decorate so many of the houses.

Our website goes from strength to strength and nearly all the decisions that needed to be made have been dealt with, and with the work of several members of the Committee and a few extremely able and helpful friends, everything is running smoothly. (You all know who you are and must take very well deserved credit for the result.)

I do hope as many of you as possible now take a look at it from time to time, so much of what is happening currently is listed as news on the site that it would be a shame to miss any of it.

We are also able to print off some of the news items and circulate to all the houses, so we hope to have reached everyone now. If anyone has a particular news to relate, do let us know.

On the social scene there have been successful coffee mornings at Randall & Reg's flat and also at Ella's – both very enjoyable indeed and supported by lots of people. We certainly look forward to a few more in the coming year.

As you all know we decided not to have a summer picnic this year, even to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, as there seemed to be very little support for this. Since it did rain rather a lot that day, perhaps it was just as well. (I had a great time in London with some of my family, surrounded by hundreds of people, all getting rather wet! It was a fantastic day in fact.)

I do hope you all enjoyed the Jubilee and Olympics too, what a marvellous year it has been.

In December we again held the Christmas party at the Cornerstone, and after rather a slow start on the ticket sales side, we had a very well attended party and many compliments on the event. All your Committee were there to help things run as smoothly as always..

The music was excellent, all the food was eaten – not surprisingly, since it was from the French patisserie, and there was plenty of fizz. We managed to keep the ticket price the same as in the last few years, partly because the recession does not encourage price rises, but I think we will probably have to review that in 2013, hopefully by not too much. It was a very good party to end the year for FOPA though, and I hope everyone that joined us will tell their friends.

Finally a big thank you to the marvellous Committee members who just do everything and are fantastic.

With best wishes for a very happy new year

Susan Hunter - Chairman

FOPA ACCOUNT - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - 01.01.2012 to 28.06.2012

INCOME

PayPal	66.42
Cash/Cheques/Standing Orders	195.00

TOTAL **261.42**

EXPENDITURE

Refreshments AGM - 07.01.2012	73.40
Cornerstone Rental	105.00
Printing	21.12
Southern Water Garden Supply 1 st Half 2012	15.59
FatFlyer 1000 Post Cards	99.00
Palmeira/Adelaide Gardens planting	126.00

TOTAL **440.11**

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **minus 178.69**

FUNDS IN HAND 28.06.2012

HSBC Current Account	723.88
HSBC Police Property Fund	523.92

Note: 2011 subscription/donation income totalled £610 – compared to £261.42 for 1st Half 2012 – a good proportion of 2012 income was from members renewing their subscriptions – we can probably assume therefore that 2nd half 2012 income will have to rely on donations

Katherine Simpson
Treasurer and Membership Secretary
28th June 2012

FOPA ACCOUNT - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - 01.07.2012 to 04.01.2013

INCOME

PayPal	491.03
Cash/Cheques/Standing Orders	455.00

TOTAL **946.03**

EXPENDITURE

Christmas Party	733.29
Cornerstone Rental	70.00
Southern Water Garden Supply 2nd Half 2012	14.13

TOTAL **817.42**

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **+124.61**

FUNDS IN HAND 04.01.2013

HSBC Current Account	821.07
HSBC Police Property Fund	524.10

Note: - detailed Christmas Party cost of £651.00 account available

- income this half year – Christmas Party ticket sales	651.00
Non specific eg., donations, etc	295.03

- total 2012 non specific income **556.45**

Katherine Simpson
Treasurer and Membership Secretary
4th January 2013