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Brunswick

NEIGHBOURHOOD
NEWS



May Dunphy, with daughter Sandra and great-grandson.

As one door closes...

Thirteen houses which stood on Stockport Road have been demolished, making way for the next phase of development which will breathe new life into the area.

S4B has rehoused all of the residents from the thirteen properties locally, which means they can all remain in the area, close to family and friends.

Great-grandmother, May Dunphy, is one of those who has moved and is now living happily in her new two-bedroom house on Statham Road.

"At first it came as a real surprise that I was going to have to move out," said May. "But as I was told about the plans right from the start, I had plenty of time to adjust and get used to the idea.

"Now I have moved I could not be happier – I really love my new home. The old place really was getting very tired and dated and I am so looking forward to this brand new chapter in my life".

Construction work has started on site and will take until autumn 2017 to complete, with Polygon Street closed until then.

The new building on Polygon Street and Stockport Road, will include 18 new two-bedroom council flats, a new S4B neighbourhood office and new shops.

For more information tel 0300 555 0128 or check the S4B Facebook page for regular updates.

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Want to volunteer for your Credit Union?

Don't forget, we now have our own Credit Union service at Brunswick Parish Church every Tuesday between 10:00am and 12:00 noon and they are looking for volunteers.

If you think this is something for you, please come along to the church during this time, and ask to speak to Mo Blue.

Saving for Christmas can be difficult but can

much easier by joining the Credit Union, so why not join this week and start making regular savings into your account, at an amount you can afford, no matter how small.

They also offer great value loans, are local, ethical and know what members want.

For more information come along to the Tuesday session at the Church.

or visit www.smcreditunion.co.uk

Worried about debt?



If so, why not speak to your Financial Inclusion Officer.

She can help you look at ways of reducing any regular repayment figures, accessing any grants you may be entitled to and help you apply to have any debts reduced or even written off.

To get you started, we are only a phone call away, tel: **0300 555 0128** or email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk – we are here to help, you really have nothing to lose.

Welcome to new home owners in Brunswick

More than 60 homes have now been sold as leasehold and we offer a warm welcome to our new home owners.

House sales are strictly targeted at individuals and families who wish to live in the area and be part of the community. This is not a development that allows investors who are buying to let.

Successful action has recently been taken against a home owner who was renting out their home and found to be in breach of the lease.

This action resulted in significant legal costs to the homeowner and demonstrates that S4B is committed to taking action where necessary.



Know your councillors

Drop in Advice Sessions and Surgeries



Contact Tina Hewitson Tel: 0161 917 6129
cllr.t.hewitson@manchester.gov.uk



Contact Bernard Priest Tel: 0161 740 8407
cllr.b.priest@manchester.gov.uk



Contact Mavis Smitheman Tel: 0161 683 5282
cllr.m.smitheman@manchester.gov.uk

Attended by the ward's three Councillors on a rota basis. Every Monday at 6.00 pm (Excluding Bank Holidays).

Ida Kinsey Centre, 17 Guide Post Road, Ardwick, Manchester M13 9HP

Town Hall contact number: 0161 234 3235

New Bins for Brunswick

You should now be aware Manchester City Council (MCC) are replacing all black wheelie bins with new smaller grey ones on 30th September.

Why?

Non-recyclable waste costs much more to deal with. Putting less in your rubbish bin and more in your recycling helps save at least £2.4million a year, which could be spent on services residents tell us they want, such as maintenance of roads and parks, street cleaning and leisure centres.

When?

Between August and October, you will receive a leaflet through your door and a sticker on your old black bin to tell you that the bin will be changed at the next fortnightly collection.

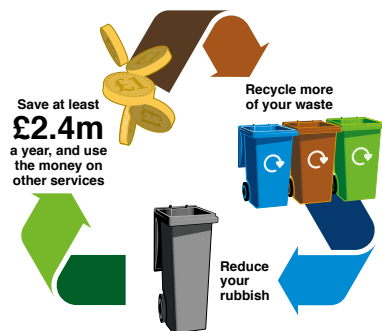
Further details

There will be no changes to communal container bins.

BIN CHANGE.

We're giving you a brand new bin.

Over the next few months we're taking your old black rubbish bin away and replacing it with a new, smaller grey one.



September Clean-up



Your chance to dispose of your unwanted items for free.

The next clean-up skip day is Thursday 29th September 10.00am-2.00pm.

For location details, or for help removing your goods, please get in touch - 0300 555 0128.

The Health and Well-being Café is back

The Brunswick Church Health and Well-being café opens its doors again on Tuesday 1st November, and then every Tuesday and Thursday between 11.30am and 1.30pm.

Why not come along and find out how we can help you, or become a volunteer.

The café operates on a "pay as you feel" basis.

For more Information, or to register to become a volunteer, call in to the S4B Housing Office on Bramwell Drive and ask for Lynne, or telephone us on **0300 555 0128**.



What's on?

Replanting

Tues 27th

Meet at the S4B Office 11.00am. Help relocate plants and shrubs to new homes. Volunteers needed. Lunch provided.



September Clean-up 2016

Community Clean-Up

Weds 28th

Meet at Gartside Gardens play area 2.30pm. Take a look at the new park and help tidy up. Volunteers needed. Refreshments provided.

Skip Day

Thurs 29th

Skips available between 10.00am and 3.00pm. For details of skip locations tel: 0300 555 0128.

Tidiest Garden Competition

Fri 30th

Judging taking place and winners notified. Your chance to win £25.00 in vouchers.

Community News



2nd Annual Street and Food Festival

On Saturday 16 July, Brunswick Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) hosted their 2nd Annual Street and Food Festival.

Here are some pics from the day with more on the S4B Facebook page.



Lord Mayor of Manchester, Cllr. Carl Austin-Behan, joining in the fun...



Gartside Gardens Annual Funday



Chainsaw artist - Karl



And on Saturday 13 August, Friends of Gartside Gardens held their annual Fun-day, which this year was back in the park.

Here are some pics with more on the S4B Facebook page.



Great News!

**TOP
SIXTY
DEVELOPMENTS
INSIDE
HOUSING
2016
FINALIST**

Brunswick has been nominated as one of Inside Housing's Top 60 developments of the last year.

It is one of ten in the Regeneration Scheme of the Year category and sponsored by Evinox Energy.

The category winners will be announced in October. We hope you're as excited as we are!

We'll keep you posted.

Keeping Families Together



Kamal Amrani, 28, and his sister, Amina, 30, recently bought a four-bedroom home in Brunswick thanks to the Help-to-Buy scheme.

Having lived in Brunswick all their lives, the siblings wanted to remain in the area, close to family and friends.

Kamal said: "We wanted a place of our own that was affordable but our main priorities were that we stayed close to our family, as well as being accessible for work.

"So when this place came up we were thrilled - Brunswick has always been the perfect location for us".

For more information telephone 0161 638 3967 or visit the Linden Homes website www.lindenhomes.co.uk/developments/manchester/new-brunswick-manchester



All-new Gartside Gardens Park now open

The all-new playground in Gartside Gardens Park is now officially open.

The purpose built area includes, new swings, slide, climbing frame and springy hopper for

children aged 2-8 years. For children over 8 years old there is a roundabout, climbing frame, swing, play boulders and play mounds.

Currently awaiting refurbishments?

Residents still awaiting refurbishments should now have received a letter explaining any potential delays.

Face to face appointments can be booked by calling 0300 555 0128.

Dinner and Darts



Fancy a **free** evening meal with the chance to play a round of darts? Tuesday's 4:00-6:00pm at Elizabeth Yarwood Court.

Contact Donna Shaw to register and discuss your meal choices or dietary requirements – **0161 272 8809.**

Grosvenor Street

Building work on the Grosvenor Street site is well underway.

The development will consist of 15 new homes – six 4-bedroomed and nine 2-bedroomed houses, twelve for affordable rent and three for sale. They are due for completion in the New Year.



Artillery Court is the last of Brunswick's four high rise blocks to be refurbished under the S4B regeneration project. Tenants have already benefited from new kitchens, bathrooms and an updated intercom system.

Both lifts are being replaced, with the first completed and the second in the process of being installed. Both lifts will have access to all floors.

The insulation of the block is currently underway with around 50% completed so far.

The laundry room now has two new washing machines fitted. There is a residents meeting in the laundry room on 3rd October at 2pm for you to come along and discuss any concerns.

There is also a drop-in surgery, in the laundry room every Tuesday between 10.00 and 11.00am for the duration of the works, so if you have any questions please come along, or give us a call – **0300 555 0128.**



Have you checked your heating?

With the colder months around the corner, now would be a good time to turn on your heating and check everything is working properly, if you haven't checked it already.

If you experience any problems, please let us know - 0300 555 0128.



Due a gas safety check?

Don't forget, by law we must carry one out each year.

So, if yours is due, we'll be in touch to arrange a suitable appointment.

Any queries, give us a call – 0300 555 0128 or email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

Keeping Brunswick Tidy

All gardens in Brunswick are automatically entered into the Tidy Garden competition. Judging will take place on Friday 30th September.

Winners will be notified and results published on the S4B website, Facebook and Twitter.

For more information, or if you do not want your garden to be included in the competition, tel 0300 555 0128 or email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk



It is a responsibility of leaseholders and tenants to keep their gardens clean and tidy. Neighbourhood Officers will contact tenants who are not doing so, as this is a breach of the Tenancy Agreement.

For tenants unable to maintain their gardens themselves, S4B offers a concessionary gardening

service with visits to carry out grass cutting, pruning and other work. To apply you must call 0300 555 0128 to be assessed.

Residents can hire garden tools such as lawnmowers, for FREE from the S4B Housing office. Simply call 0300 555 0128 to reserve tools all for a £5 refundable deposit.



We've been nominated for a Spirit of Manchester Award, in the Business Citizenship category.

Results will be announced at an events ceremony in October, so watch this space!

Brunswick Neighbourhood Watch



has been set up by members of the community to help keep the neighbourhood safe. The group is co-ordinated by resident Craig Eastham, and the group meet up every six-weeks.

If you would like to join please email ourwatch@outlook.com or call us on 0300 555 0128.

HALF-TERM SPORTS EVENT

SIGN UP NOW

Lots of
activities

Young
People
10 yrs +



Dates
and times
available
soon on
the S4B
Facebook
page

Under 10's
OK with an adult

**T: 0300 555 0128 to register
or visit the S4B Facebook events page**



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