

HCM mourns the passing of  
Arthur Fiber, Mediator, Management  
Committee Member and Founder  
Member  
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Hillingdon Community  
Mediation



# January/ February 2010 Newsletter

*Happy New  
Year!*

2010

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New Year Quiz  
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## Diary Dates for January/February 2010

**Themed Training Evening  
at St. Giles' Church Hall,  
Ickenham**

Monday, 25th January, 2010  
6.30pm ~ 8.30pm

### Re-visiting Listening Skills

We will once again look at passive and active listening skills from the basic mediator training course. In addition we will also be discussing and raising awareness of what can happen to us individually when we mediate that might distract us from listening as attentively as we would like.

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**Volunteer Support Evening  
at Key House, Yiewsley**

Tuesday, 2nd February, 2010  
2.30pm ~ 4.30pm

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**At Christchurch, Uxbridge**

Wed, 24th February, 2010  
6.30pm ~ 8.30pm

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**Management Committee  
at Key House, Yiewsley**

Monday, 15th February, 2010  
6.00pm ~ 8.30pm

1. Hogmanay, 2. Rosh Hashanah  
3. France, 4. Abraham Lincoln,  
5. U2, 6. Watergate, 7. Florida,  
8. Times Square, 9. Donna Summer  
10. Sunday



# Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had an enjoyable break over the Christmas period and are looking forward to the New Year.

We look forward to working with you all again during this year and are pleased that you have joined with us to provide mediation to the residents of the London Borough of Hillingdon.

*Alan, Carole, Leone and Denis*

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## Our Funding Situation

This is, unfortunately, still of concern and at present we can't guarantee that we will be operational throughout the next financial year. To date we have done the following:

- 1 . Written to Councillors and MP's to express our concerns – this has led to a lot of concern but to date no particular actions to ensure our continued existence.
2. We have had some discussions with Council officers about our funding situation and these are ongoing, particularly with regard to seeking funding from Housing Associations with stock in the Borough.

We would like to make a request of you. You may already have received an email containing a template letter that we would ask any of you who live in the Borough to adjust according to your own experiences and send this to your local Councillor and/or the Leader of the Council, Mr Ray Puddifoot.

If you have any other thoughts about ways in which the council can be persuaded to prevent our closure, please contact me to discuss them.

Wishing you all the very best and hopefully a Happy Mediating New Year throughout the rest of 2010. *Alan*

# Arthur Fiber

**Arthur Fiber ~ Mediator, Management Committee Member,  
Founder Member of Hillingdon Community Mediation  
1/1/28 ~ 26/12/09.**

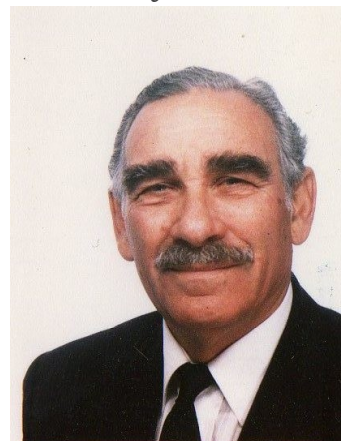
It is with great sadness that I write that Arthur passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in the loving presence of his family. Arthur had been ill for some time but still maintained his involvement with HCM until the latter part of 2009.

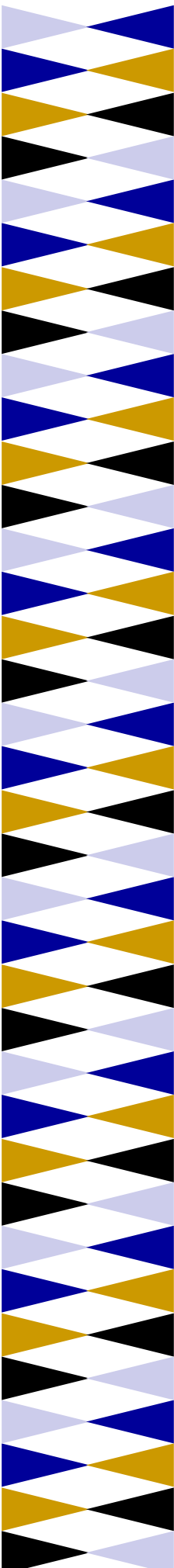
I first met Arthur in 1999 when I worked for London Borough of Hillingdon as Mediation Officer, employed to make recommendations for the setting up of a Mediation service in the Borough. Arthur was one of the first people from the local community to join the Steering Group and was a friendly, insightful supportive member throughout our formative weeks and months. He remained consistently and actively involved in the organisation as a Mediator and Management Committee Member since those very first days. Arthur was the first Chairman of Hillingdon Community Mediation's Management Committee which held its inaugural meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1999.

Arthur trained as a mediator in April 2000 on our second course and then went on to entice a few of his friends to join us as Mediators as well as becoming a fantastic ambassador for our organisation. He always took the time to do things 'right', making sure he spoke to anyone new to the organisation at meetings, and making sure he always fully understood any discussion that took place at those meetings, asking probing questions, raising important concerns. His conscientious approach has been of enormous benefit to our organisation.

Arthur had a dry, cheeky sense of humour which set people at ease, and his tales about his active life while in his late 70's and early 80's playing golf, playing Bridge, travelling abroad, his family, in particular his lovely wife Sally, kept us inspired and amazed. It was quite astounding, but, perhaps, not surprising, that at his funeral there were as many people standing due to lack of seats as there were sitting.

Arthur was a true friend, a professional and a key person in the formation and history of Hillingdon Community Mediation. Things won't be the same without him.





# New Year Quiz



1. What name do the Scots give to New Year's Eve?
2. What name is given to the Jewish New Year?
3. The Caribbean island of Haiti gained independence from which country on 1st January, 1803?
4. Which American President issued the Emancipation Proclamation on New Year's Day 1863?
5. Which band took New Year's Day to number 10 in the charts in 1983?
6. On New Year's Day 1975, John Mitchell, H. R. Halderman and John Ehrlichman were convicted of obstruction of justice in the enquiry into what scandal?
7. On New Year's Day 1914, the world's first airline started operating within which American state?
8. The traditional New Year Ball Drop takes place at which New York City landmark?
9. Which female singer was born LaDonna Gaines on New Year's Eve, 1948?
10. On which day of the week was New Year's Eve in the year 2000?

*(answers on front page)*