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## **AUTUMN 2005 NEWSLETTER**

### **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the Autumn 2005 Newsletter of your Residents' Association. This issue is kindly sponsored by Grimshaw & Co.

There is no formal subscription for membership of the Association but donations are welcome to cover Committee expenses. £2 to £5 per household should be sufficient for normal needs. Please send your donation to our Treasurer, Immi Chadha, 122 Corringway, payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association. New committee members are always welcome, especially from Ashbourne Road, Chatsworth Road and The Ridings: please contact Bob Gurd (8998 4417 - [black.gurd@virgin.net](mailto:black.gurd@virgin.net)) or Graham Fowler (8997 5785) for details.

### **PARKING & TRAFFIC**

The Hanger Hill Zone residents' parking scheme (CPZ) linked to Park Royal and Hanger Lane Stations, which you voted for last year, was due to be operational from 17 October. If you missed the letter from the Council asking you if you wished to purchase parking permits, and now need permits, then contact Parking Services, tel: 8825 6677. The long delay in implementing this scheme was caused by a legal objection from a commuter living in Buckinghamshire, who parked here to take the tube into London. The legal objections cited by the objector needed careful consideration by the Council before it was thought correct for an Ealing Cabinet member to formally approve the CPZ's introduction and reply to the objector refuting his arguments.

Unfortunately, the intention to introduce residents' and stop and shop parking in Ashbourne and Royal Parades has been put on hold because the two Parades were found to

## **Ascension**

### **Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 3 December at 2pm**

**The Ascension Hall, Beaufort Road W5**

*Gifts, cakes, books, plants, bric-a-brac,  
raffle, children's corner & teas*

be owned by a number of private land owners. Residents and shop owners in the Parades are able to buy parking permits for the Hanger Hill zone and park in nearby streets. However, this does mean that those residents living in the nearby roads will not get as much relief from parking problems as they had hoped. Your Committee and Councillor Diana Pagan are investigating the possibility of the Council operating parking controls on the private roads with the agreement of the landlords; however, this is not likely to be an easy task.

The West Acton CPZ covering Boileau Road, Golf Road and the Garden Estate has also been delayed by another objection from a different person living outside the Borough! Again, the Council is considering the objection seriously, but it is not expected to result in a too long delay. It is hoped that this CPZ will be operational by the end of the year, which will minimise the period when any commuter parking displaced by the Hanger Hill scheme will worsen the conditions in Boileau Road.

After around a year of operation of the CPZs, Ealing Council will consult residents again to see if any changes need to be made to the operation of the CPZs or to their boundaries. Please let us know of any problems you experience so that we can take them up with the Council.

As a result of pressure from your Association, the Council has agreed to undertake speed enforcement using special mobile equipment which will be shortly available for positioning at key points on both the Haymills and Garden estates. You have been warned!

### **GREEN VERGE – WESTERN AVENUE**

Following the improvements to Hanger Green and the re-instatement of the post and chain link fences at the junction of Hanger Vale

Lane and Boileau Road, similar improvements have been made along the short verge between Joice's Bar and Connell Crescent. We are hoping that it may be possible to do something similar at the other end of Connell Crescent near Orbit House.

### **CONSERVATION AREA MATTERS**

Those of you concerned at the number of unsympathetic unauthorised alterations to houses and gardens in the Conservation Area will be heartened to learn that the Council's Enforcement Department is making progress in acting on several cases. In several cases the absence of remedial action by the owner is resulting in court proceedings being taken to enforce rectification of the planning infringement. However, there have been problems with work starting without planning permission or where the extension is not built in accordance with the permission granted. Your Conservation Area Panel is pursuing these cases vigorously with a view to satisfactory enforcement action being taken.

### **FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME**

In recent years a number of properties in the area have increasingly suffered flooding following heavy rainfall. A combination of an increase in the amount of impermeable surfaces (e.g. block paving replacing lawns and gardens) and changing weather patterns has led to higher surface water run-off volumes. These are now beyond the carrying capacity of the original design of the sewerage system in the area. Because of this Thames Water is planning to invest in the area and upgrade the sewer infrastructure.

During August and September, Thames Water carried out investigations to understand the ground conditions and locate other utility services in order to complete the design of the proposed solution. From November 2005 for 12 months, Thames Water is planning to construct new sewers in parts of Corringway, Audley Road and Ashbourne Road.

Thames Water will be writing to affected residents soon to give them more details of the work. In the meantime, if you wish to find out more information on Thames Water's work, please contact the Thames Water

Customer Centre on 0845 9200 800 quoting your address and reference BB684534 (lines are open 24 hours a day 7 days a week).

### **THE TRAM**

A statement by the Mayor on the future of the tram which was expected this autumn has been delayed pending further work on traffic management. This follows extensive criticism from Ealing residents during public consultation of the potential for diversion of traffic into residential roads if the scheme went ahead. There have also been suggestions that the cost of the tram has increased so far beyond its original estimated cost that it is now more difficult to make a convincing business case for it to proceed. A statement on its future from TfL is not now expected until Spring 2006. More information is available on the TfL website ([www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk))

### **LICENSED PREMISES**

A number of local bars in the area, including those in the Park Royal Leisure Centre, have applied for extension of opening hours to early in the morning following changes in the Licensing laws designed to encourage flexible opening hours. Your Residents' Association has objected to these on the grounds of noise and disturbance to local residents. The hearings have yet to take place despite the fact that the new arrangements are due to come into force on 24 November.

### **LOCAL PROPERTY MARKET**

After a slow market for most of this year Grimshaw & Co. are pleased to report a pick up in the autumn.

Recent sales include properties in Corringway (3), Rotherwick Hill, Beaufort Road (2) and Heathcroft.

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