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## SPRING 2004 NEWSLETTER

This issue of the Spring 2004 Newsletter is kindly sponsored by Japan Services. We warmly welcome new residents to our area from Haymills and Mercury Courts, Hanger Green, which are now fully occupied. The new residents of the 18 flats in Haymills Court set up their own Residents' Association last November to provide a more cohesive means of liaising with Keystart Housing Association, the managing agents. Most of the flats have been sold to first time buyers through the Shared Ownership scheme, with just under the half of the flats owned by key workers. They look forward to collaborating with us on local matters of joint interest.

**The 2004 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 22 April in the Hall of the Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road, at 8pm. Drinks will be served from 7.45pm, and all residents are welcome. We will have as our speaker *Hamish Keith, the Manager from Ealing Council responsible for controlled parking zones.* See overleaf for details**

It is with deep sadness that we report the death of Tony Poil in October 2003. A longstanding member of the Committee, Tony had supported the work of the Association over many years in its various incarnations. Our sincere condolences go to his family.

### Parking

The recent consultation by Ealing Council on a residents' parking scheme (CPZ), linked to Park Royal and Hanger Lane Stations, has resulted in a good response. Altogether 31% of residents replied, which is high for this type of consultation. For our area, a significant majority was in favour of controlled parking. Support was greatest in those roads closer to the stations which currently suffer commuter parking. Some roads were fairly evenly split, leaving only Audley Road and the Hanger Lane end of Corringway where a clear number of residents were against the scheme. Your Committee has urged the prompt re-consultation of these latter addresses, advising them of the nearness of the proposed parking zone, and asking those who did not vote for a scheme if they wished to change their opinion. The times of parking restrictions favoured in the replies were 10 to 11am and 3 to 4pm on Mondays to Fridays. A separate consultation by Transport for London on stop-and-shop parking in Ashbourne and Ritz Parades also gave a result in favour of controls. This scheme should be implemented at the same time as the main CPZ. The Council's Ealing

## HANGER HILL SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday 8 May, 2 - 4.30pm

Parish Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road

Plant sale, cream teas, bouncy castle, quiz trail with prizes (for grown-ups and children) ... and much, much more!

**All welcome - admission free!**

Area Committee is

meeting on 25 March and should be recommending the implementation of a CPZ for our area based on the results of the consultation. Your Committee hope that the re-consultation of boundary addresses will also be agreed, and, if so, this may be taking place around the time of our AGM. If your road is reconsulted you are urged to vote and bear in mind that commuters are prepared to walk up to 10 minutes from their cars to the nearest station. The final boundary of the parking zone will then be decided for implementation possibly in November. After around 6 months of operation, Ealing Council will consult residents again to see if any changes need to be made to the operation of the CPZ or to its boundary. During 2004/5, the Council should be consulting residents in Boileau Road and other relevant streets on whether they would like a CPZ linked to North Ealing and West Acton Stations. A positive vote should lead to the introduction of this second CPZ in 2005 or 2006.

### Hanger Green Improvements

You may have noticed improvements to the gardens at Hanger Green, which have remained largely unchanged since the 1930s. As a result of funding released from the re-development of Haymills' Offices, the Green has been tidied up with new heathers and small shrubs planted to give all year colour. Spring bulbs will be planted along with some decorative native trees. The original chain and post fence is also being renewed. Thanks are due to Councillor Nigel Sumner for promoting both this refurbishment and the planting of an additional 50 or so trees in streets in our area. A welcome bonus is upgrading of street lighting to deter vandalism which is a problem in the area. Also some long overdue repainting of lighting columns has taken place across the estate.

### Street Watchers

The Council has a scheme under which a resident volunteers to monitor a street, or part street, for matters needing Council attention. These include dumped cars and rubbish, street lamps out of order, graffiti etc. A volunteer is given a Freephone number to report incidents to the Council. So far we have 11 street watchers for our area. We still need volunteers for Ashbourne and Ritz Parades, Chatsworth Road and Rise, Dallas Road, Hanger Lane from the hill to the Gyratory and The Ridings. If you are interested, please contact Graham Fowler.

### Conservation Area Matters

There has been the usual spate of unauthorised changes to houses and flats in the last year, particularly following approaches to householders by contractors who encourage them to undertake works without seeking planning permission. In many cases this resulted in enforcement action being taken by the Council, to the embarrassment of householders concerned. Please remember that planning permission is required for any changes to the front elevation of houses, including hard standing, and to flats. The Council's planning department on 020 8825 6600 will advise if you are in any doubt. Satellite dishes should not be affixed to the front elevation; if they have to be sited facing the front please ask your contractor to site them on the side elevation low down and set well back from the front. If you see what you believe may be unauthorised alterations please contact the Council's Enforcement Officer on 020 8825 8193. Felling or pruning of trees with trunks greater than 7.5cm in diameter (measured 1.5 m above ground) require the clearance of the Council's arboricultural section (telephone 020 8825 6999). Local residents have reported callers offering to prune trees. Once admitted they begin cutting with minimal consultation and then demand excessive payments. Don't let them fool you!

This year the London 'Open House' Day is on 18/19 September. A tour of the Estate will be conducted by Alan Reynolds and Simon Reed on Sunday 19 September starting at Park Royal station at 2pm.

### The Tram

The various campaigns (notably Save Ealing Streets) have had an impact and now Transport for London has put forward a new set of options for the proposed Uxbridge-Shepherds Bush tram. Those parts of the original plans which included major diversion of traffic along residential roads (for example, Madeley Road) have been dropped and several other possibilities for dealing with the

pinch point in central Ealing were discussed at the Ealing Consultation Meeting on March 10 at which our Residents' Association was represented. These proposals included re-routing of eastbound traffic into Springbridge Road, then along a new road on the south side of Haven Green (there are three possible sites for this road). One or more of these plans will be selected and submitted to public consultation in June 2004. At the end of this year or early in 2005 the Mayor of London will decide whether or not to proceed and if his decision is positive a public inquiry will follow in summer/autumn 2005. The final decision for the go-ahead will be made by the Secretary of State in the summer of 2006. You can make your views known to Tim Jones, Project Director, West London Tram Project, 3rd Floor South Wing, Parnell House, 25 Wilton Road, London SW1V 1LW ([westlondontram@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:westlondontram@tfl.gov.uk)).

### Nuisance from Licensed Premises

In the last six months some residents have been disturbed by noise in the early hours emanating from bars, and outside these bars at closing time. There have also been cases of vandalism. As a result late night licences have been restricted at Hunters Bar, Ashbourne Parade, and prohibition orders imposed at Joice's Bar, Western Avenue. If you are disturbed by late night noise from a public or private premises, call the Council's noise pollution line which is manned from 11pm to 3am at weekends on 020 8825 5000. If problems persist with licensed premises let Graham Fowler know so that a co-ordinated response can be made to its annual licence renewal. We have also complained to the Council about the fairground set up without warning on the Royale Leisure Centre car park in early March in contravention of the planning conditions imposed on the original application.

## Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association Annual General Meeting: Thursday 22 April 2004 Agenda

1. Chairman's/Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report
3. Appointment of Auditor
4. Election of 2004/2005 Committee
5. Speaker: Hamish Keith, LBE
6. The Tram
7. Other Traffic Matters
8. Conservation Area Matters
9. CCTV and Crime Update
10. Any Other Business

All the present Committee Members are willing to serve in 2004/5, but further volunteers would be welcome. If you are interested please contact the Secretary, Graham Fowler (020 8997 5785) or the Chairman, Bob Gurd (020 8998 4417). There is no formal subscription for membership of the Association but donations are welcome to cover Committee expenses. £5 per household should be sufficient for normal needs. If you are unable to go to the AGM, please send your donation to Alan Reynolds, 30 Boileau Road, payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association.

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*Japan Services believe that the property market in Ealing will be more active in the coming months and stabilise at the end of the year. In the foreseeable future prices will continue to rise. The letting market will do well this year in Ealing. Please contact Mr P H Lai of Japan Services Ltd.*