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SPRING 2006 NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Message

Welcome to the Spring 2006 Newsletter of your Residents' Association. This issue is kindly sponsored by Japan Services.

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) or Graham Fowler (8997 5785) for details.

The 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 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 Inspector Ray Elbourne from Ealing Police, Head of Neighbourhood Policing, who will talk about the introduction of community policing into our area.

Queens Drive/Station Road junction

We have recently requested the Council to examine ways to improve the junction of Station Road and Queen's Drive. The problems are numerous. The left turn is so tight that it is difficult to execute without running up the pavement or crossing onto the wrong side of Queens Drive. The right turn is even more hazardous, especially at rush hour. Heavy traffic both ways on Queens Drive compels drivers to force their way out, often deliberately impeding oncoming traffic. Delivery vehicles, often parked on the red lines, narrow the road further on the opposite side. Cars frequently pull out two abreast causing conflict and confusion, whilst impatient and dangerous drivers regularly overtake the queue on the wrong side of the island to force their way out. In the midst of all this are cyclists and pedestrians, including children on their way to Ellen Wilkinson School. It is clear that this junction is poorly laid out to start with and

dangerously inadequate for the volume of traffic which daily passes through it. In order to speed up the process of trying to get it improved it would be helpful to have any accounts from you of accidents there, however minor, near misses, and incidents of serious road rage. We would also be interested to hear of any ideas you may have for the improvement of the junction. Please contact the committee with your input and help us try to make this traffic black spot safer for everyone.

A date for your diary

Hanger Hill Spring Festival

Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road

Saturday May 20th

Plants - cakes - books - music - flower festival

kids play area

All welcome!

20 mph speed limit

We have been concerned about the effectiveness of the 20 mph speed limit which was introduced on the estate around two years ago. Thanks to funding from the Guinness redevelopment a few signs are due to be installed in the next few months on the estate to remind drivers of their speed. The exact locations have yet to be finally determined but one is likely to be near the junction of Beaufort Road and The Ridings (to catch drivers from Hanger Lane rat-running past the Montessori School) and one or two in Corringway near the junction of Audley Road to catch drivers speeding to and from the A40. The signs, which will be actuated by passing vehicles, flash up a speed reminder if the limit is exceeded. Individual householders will be notified before the signs are erected.

Flooding on the Estate

The next phase of the construction of the flood alleviation scheme is programmed to start on site the week beginning 24 April and is due to be completed by the end of November 2006. Thames Water's contractors, Barhale, will be undertaking the flood alleviation work on their behalf. The normal hours of work will be Monday to Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Sections of Corringway, Audley Road and Ashbourne Road will need to be closed and controlled parking areas suspended. Thames Water have been liaising with the London Borough of Ealing and Emergency Services to ensure that any disruption is minimised and appropriate access is maintained. Thames Water will contact affected residents again prior to this work starting to give more details regarding the road closures. For more information on Thames Water's work, please contact the Thames Water Customer

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

Controlled parking zones

When you receive this Newsletter, the North Ealing and West Acton Controlled Parking Zone (Zone Z) should be up and running or very nearly so. The road markings have all been completed and the zone is due to be operational, following the circulation of residents with information about the issue of parking permits, in early April. Our Association, through its Committee, has been actively involved in negotiations with Ealing Council authorities to secure the most favourable arrangements especially for Boileau Road. In particular, stop-and-shop bays have been provided for the shops in Boileau Parade and for the needs of patients attending the doctor's surgery at the Hanger Vale Lane end of Boileau Road; and a dedicated space has been made available for the doctor. The operation of the zone should therefore improve the parking experience for residents and visitors with, it is hoped, the minimum of inconvenience - especially by deterring all-day commuter parking. Since West Acton and North Ealing stations are in the same zone permit holders will be allowed to park in the hours of restriction in both of these areas. Note, however, that holders of permits for the other parts of our Association's area, for example, Corringway, Audley, Ashbourne, Beaufort Roads etc, do not have the same privilege - and *vice versa*. Note also that the hours for the two zones are different so don't be caught out!

The Council intends to consult residents after both schemes have been running for 6 months or so and you are encouraged to respond with your comments. The only major problem of which we are aware with the Hanger Hill scheme is the use of commercial permits by office workers to justify commuter parking in the vicinity of Hanger Lane station. We have taken this up separately with the Council, so far with little success. They have made clear that any changes to the scheme would need to be carried out after a further round of consultation. We may have more to report at the AGM.

Licensing matters

There have been three hearings recently for extension of hours of licensed premises affecting our estate under the new Licensing Act. The first, relating to Hunters Bar at Hanger Lane, was held in January and considered extension of hours from the current midnight closure to 2 a.m. in the morning for most nights of the week. Because of noise problems, the hours granted were scaled back to midnight subject to sorting out a problem with planning permission (which currently only allows them to open to 11 p.m.). The second, relating to the Greystoke Arms at North Ealing, was also held in January and considered extension of hours from 11 p.m. to midnight from Sunday-Thursday and to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Despite opposition from ourselves and Ealing Village Residents' Association, the hours were granted mainly because there were no specific complaints about nuisance in relation to these premises. Although they are generally regarded to be well-run this has not always been the case and circumstances could change again in future. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Haymills Court Residents' Association and your Association we had more success over extension of hours at the former Joices public house at Hanger Green (now re-named The Ring under a new tenant). Unlike the Greystoke, there had been a history of noise and nuisance at these premises under a succession of previous tenants which counted against the present applicant. Here the hours were only extended until midnight on Saturday and Sunday. There is a right of review under the new Act and if we become aware of any noise or other nuisance as a result of the extended hours we shall seriously consider exercising this right. Applications relating to licensed premises in the Park Royale Leisure Centre still remain pending.

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Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association Annual General Meeting: Thursday 27 April 2006
Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road at 8pm

Agenda

1. Chairman's/Secretary's Report
2. Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report
3. Appointment of Auditor
4. Election of 2006/07 Committee
5. **Speaker: Inspector Ray Elbourne, Ealing Police**
6. CPZ
7. Other Traffic Matters
8. Planning Matters
9. CCTV and Crime Update
10. Any Other Business

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