

2013 has proven to be a mixed market for the Haymills. After a slow start, mid-year the market picked up. There is still a good demand and the Haymills properties are as popular as ever. After an improvement in values, the market is now proving price sensitive with some price resistance settling in.

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HHERA news

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HANGER HILL EAST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - ADDRESSING RESIDENTS' NEEDS AND VIEWS

Chairman's Welcome

It's nice to bring you some good news so here is a positive shout out for the Ward Forum and the National Grid. Back in June some of you will have noticed strips of rubber across the road in Boileau Road and Connell Crescent. This was a traffic survey conducted by the Council using some of the funds allocated to the Hanger Hill Ward Forum. The Forum, which meets three times a year, is a place where local people can discuss local concerns with their local councillors, and the traffic survey is a good example of how practical action can then be taken.

The report allays one concern, addresses another, and provides solid evidence for tackling a third issue. Firstly it is clear that speeding is not the major problem in Boileau Road. Whilst a significant number of cars do not obey the 20mph limit, almost none get above the old limit of 30mph. That's fast enough but we really do not have people racing down the road. Secondly however it is abundantly clear that there is a problem with the volume of traffic, particularly heavy goods vehicles, and the report recommends installing a width restriction. This ties in precisely with the conclusions your Committee has drawn with input from concerned residents. Thirdly the report highlights the excessive volume of traffic passing through Connell Crescent. Curiously no recommendations for action are made, but your Committee will be using the evidence provided to ask that further attention is given to this. Again we are grateful to local residents

for their input to this discussion. HHERA is your Association so please do get involved to get things done.

If traffic is one regular concern on the estate, safety in our homes is another. Although with occasional spikes the crime rate is relatively low compared to much of London, many people do have worries and your Committee gives serious attention to any suggestions which are made to make our streets safer. Here, though, I would like to give credit to the National Grid workers who are laying new gas pipes across the estate. It is tempting to see this as a massive inconvenience and a source of congestion, but the workers are actually doing us a big favour. Talking recently to one of their supervisors, I learned that they keep an eye out for anyone acting suspiciously and do not hesitate to challenge them. As a result several dubious individuals have beaten a retreat. So spare a grateful thought for the people digging up the road as you weave your car around them. Their actions point to something which I have said repeatedly, which is that the best way that we can all be safer is by looking out for each other, and if we are not directly willing to challenge anyone acting strangely, to take a couple of minutes to phone the Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team and ask them to check them out.

As various seasonal celebrations unfold amongst us over the next couple of months, may I wish you safety and prosperity in whatever you are enjoying.

DID YOU KNOW? by Margaret Noble



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The well-surfaced path which runs from Vale Lane alongside the Piccadilly Line to Park Royal and then under Western Avenue to Coronation Road is a remarkable survivor from the distant past. Masons Green Lane, for centuries part of the parish boundary between Acton and Ealing, is the last stretch of an old track, which began as a lane at Acton Ponds, (now Twyford Crescent and Gardens) and ran all the way to West Twyford. From parish records historians have linked the name to a John Mason (1559) and a William Mason (1628) and it is marked on maps from at least the mid-eighteenth century. Masons Green itself was an area of waste land somewhere to the Northwest of West Acton station shown as having one or two small houses.

Keeping the path open from Masons Green to West Twyford was a struggle in the nineteenth century. From at least 1813 local landowners tried to block it off. The vestry of the parish church took steps to stop that, local people wrote to the newspapers, deploring "the fiery feet of change," while statutory committees were set up in 1868 and 1888 to protect rights of way such as this.

About 1900 the southernmost part had become Twyford Avenue, a street lined with houses as far as Noel Road, while the stretch from there to Vale Lane was swept away when the Hanger Hill Garden Estate was built from 1923 onwards. Thereafter neglect was the main problem, but that seems to have been well remedied at present.