

ESTATE MATTERS

Park Royal Hotel

We reported in the autumn newsletter plans for redevelopment of the former Magnat public house at Hanger Green about which we had concerns. Planning permission was granted in December 2012 for a scaled-down version of the original proposals although we still have concerns about potential overlooking of the existing Mercury and Haymills Courts. Negotiations continue over the location of a proposed coach parking bay over which we have had concerns following bad traffic problems, still not fully resolved, at the new Premier Inn hotel at Hanger Lane. It is still not clear when work will start. We were very disappointed that some original surviving art deco bar fittings from the old Park Royal hotel were stripped out of the building without the owner's permission after the pub closed. It is unlikely that these can ever be reinstated.

Diageo and HS2

We also reported in the last newsletter on the First Central redevelopment on the former Guinness site where Diageo had received permission from Brent Council to redevelop the site largely for residential rather than offices as previously proposed. Recent unconfirmed press reports have indicated that HS2 Limited have told the developers that they wish to use the site for construction purposes of the proposed high-speed line to the Midlands and the North which could delay the redevelopment for years.

Conservation Area

This is a reminder that the Haymills Estate is a conservation area with an Article 4 Direction in force which means that planning permission is required for changes to the front of houses, including boundary walls and hardstanding. Enforcement action is embarrassing and outstanding enforcement issues will appear on Council searches which could make it difficult or impossible to sell your house. Felling or pruning of trees with trunks greater than 7.5cm in diameter (measured 1.5 m above ground) also requires the clearance of the Council's arboricultural section (020 8825 6000). The Council's Planning Department on 020 8825 6600 will advise if you are in any doubt. If you see what you believe may be unauthorised changes please contact the Council's Enforcement Officer on the same number or at enforcement@ealing.gov.uk.

Green Plaque To John Compton, Organ Builder

An Ealing Civic Society green plaque, paid for by the Hanger Hill Ward Forum, is due to be unveiled by his adopted granddaughter at his former home at



37 Audley Road on Monday 20th May. John Compton was the owner of the Compton Organ company, with its factory in Chase Road, Park Royal, which built organs for cinemas, churches and even a few cathedrals. The unveiling will be followed by talks

on John Compton and his company, a short recital on the 1947 electronic Compton Organ at the Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road W5, and refreshments. His most famous cinema organ (and probably the best known operational one still in its original setting in the country) is at the Odeon Leicester Square where it rises onto the stage, with its multi-coloured illuminated console, for film premieres and special recitals. If you would like to be attend the unveiling celebrations please contact info@ealingcivicsociety.org by 12 May.

Boileau Road Bin And Domestic Waste

You may have noticed that the waste bin which was removed from opposite the Doctor's Surgery has now been reinstated. It had attracted regular fly-tipping but after its removal local dog walkers insisted on leaving unpleasant deposits there anyway! Please clear up after your dog and please also report any fly-tipping so that it can be removed quickly.

Some residents continually place food in their rubbish sacks, the result of which is that foxes tear the sacks and food and refuse is strewn over the surrounding area. Please use the green food bin provided by the Council.

Energy Meters

It has been agreed with the National Grid that meters should not be placed on the front of properties but in a more sensitive location. Please, if you have a new meter installed, ensure and insist that it is not placed on the front of the property.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch meetings occur for half an hour every quarter in March, June, September, December), on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact the Hanger Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team (020 8721 2947) or me for the venue, usually the Side Chapel at the Church or 12 Ashbourne Parade. Please come and support us.

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There is no formal subscription for membership of the Association but donations are welcome to cover expenses, such as the newsletter, hire of the hall for AGM etc. £5 per household should be sufficient for normal needs. Please send your donation to The Treasurer, 48 Boileau Road W5 payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association. Thank you for your support.



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