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The Newsletter Of The Hanger Hill East Residents'
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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Like you, I think Hanger Hill is a wonderful place to live, and your Association exists to help make it even better. This is my second spell as Chairman and I'd like to begin by thanking my predecessor Gurpreet Maini for his time at the helm of your Committee. I'm pleased to say we have a blend of experience and also new members as we go forwards.

Often we find ourselves reacting to local problems, often related to traffic or crime, but I'm delighted to devote this letter to something thoroughly positive. Membership of HHERA does not require a subscription and every year generous residents make donations to ensure the Association covers its costs. Over time we have accumulated a small pot of money and at our last meeting we agreed to try to find a way to spend some of it. **So here's my question for you – how could we spend £1,000 to make our estate better?**

A few ideas are already floating. Someone immediately suggested a neighbourhood party! Another idea would be to see if we could find a way to make our woods a more attractive place. Is there something that needs a coat of paint or a tidy up? What do we need? Please email your ideas via the website or email mail@hhera.com or post them on the HHERA Facebook page. Hopefully we'll have enough to present them all at the next AGM next year.

On a more routine note, if you are new to the area you may not have realised the effects of living in a Conservation Area. What this means is that there are some quite specific planning guidelines regarding changing the appearance of your house (especially the windows), or front garden (such as turning it into a parking area), and most trees are also protected. Many people like to make alterations to their houses, but in order to avoid finding yourself breaking local laws, please check the Conservation Area guide which can be found on the Ealing Council website, accessed via the link on the HHERA website where there is other helpful information.

Last but not least, as the evenings get darker, don't make life easier for burglars by leaving gates, doors or windows open, or leaving items on the seats of cars. Look out for each other (Beaufort Road has an excellent WhatsApp group which does this) and if you see anything suspicious, don't hesitate to call the Police.

We are a wonderfully diverse neighbourhood. Most of our various faith communities have celebrations over the next few months and we all have a holiday period to look forward to. So all I need to do is wish you some heart felt Season's Greetings!

Simon Reed, Chair

DID YOU KNOW? Blue and green plaques in the Hanger Hill area

There are a number of existing and potential locations for plaques commemorating distinguished people who lived in the area. A Greater London Authority blue plaque was unveiled on 37 The Ridings in 1977 to commemorate **Alan Dower Blumlein (1903-42)**, electronic engineer and inventor. He was a brilliant scientist who was tragically killed during a secret mission testing airborne radar during the Second World War. In his short life he invented and developed stereo sound (for both film and records), high definition television and helped to develop wartime radar. Recently, he was posthumously awarded a Grammy award for his services to music. The plaque was for many decades the only blue plaque in Ealing and one of the few in the country devoted to a scientist. An Ealing Civic Society green plaque to **John Compton (1876-1957)**, the builder of cinema, cathedral and church organs, was unveiled at 37 Audley Road in May 2013. He originally set up business in Nottingham but moved to Turnham Green Terrace in Chiswick in 1919. In 1930, the John Compton organ factory moved to Chase Road, Park Royal. The nearby Church of the Ascension still has its original Compton organ in place (1947). There are other distinguished people who lived in the area who might warrant a plaque in future. These include: **Bob Danvers-Walker (1906-1990)**, the well-known voice-over to decades of cinema newsreels, who lived at 8 Rotherwick Hill; and **Matt Munro (1930-1985)**, the pop vocalist, who lived in Dallas Road. Near 'misses' for commemorative plaques include the famous horn player, **Dennis Brain (1921-57)**, whose parents lived in Ashbourne Close, who tragically died in a car crash on his way home from a concert at the Edinburgh Festival. *Do you have any knowledge of distinguished people who lived in the Hanger Hill (East) area? If so, please let us know at mail@hhera.com.*

HHERA ESTATE MATTERS 2017

Park Royal Hotel - Initial construction work, consisting of preliminary stripping out, started at the end of last year but was halted apparently because of problems with an unterminated electricity supply. Work did not restart and we have since discovered that the site has been sold on to a new owner. It is not yet clear whether they wish to proceed with the original hotel development.

Holy Family School – Zebra Crossing - The Council has recently proposed detailed designs for a zebra crossing outside the school near to the Vale Lane roundabout. Both we and the Hanger Hill (Garden Estate) RA have reservations on safety grounds about the proposed siting so close to the roundabout and have suggested that the crossing should be moved nearer the school entrance. Timing of its construction remains unclear.

Little Cake Ltd, 6 Hanger Green - At a Council hearing on 17th May 2017, the hours of opening and sales of alcohol were agreed and these are in line with adjacent premises and the London Borough of Ealing.

Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs) - Since January 2017 properties in some parts of the Borough are required to have a licence. Properties within the Hanger Hill area are, at present, not required to have a licence. The Residents' Association will be discussing this at its next meeting.

Trees – Boileau Road - During the great storm of October 1987, many mature trees in Boileau Road were felled. Although some replanting has taken place over the intervening years the Council has been asked to add Boileau Road to the planting list this autumn to mark the 30th anniversary of the occasion.

DOORSTEP SAFETY GUIDE - Occasionally people may try to trick their way into your home so they may steal money or valuables. They sometimes have an accomplice who will seek to gain entry via the back whilst the other keeps you occupied at the front door. Due to this you should always be alert and cautious when someone you do not know calls at your door:

Do not open your door to unexpected callers

Check to see who it is through a spy hole or window.

Find out what they want by speaking to them through the door, an intercom or a window.

Install an outside light.

Never be persuaded into opening the door – if in doubt keep them out.

If you decide to open the door, first put on the door chain/bar and keep it in situ while you talk to the person on the doorstep. If you do not have a door bar or chain consider having one fitted.

Do not accept packages for neighbours unless they have asked you to.

Do not allow strangers inside on behalf of your neighbours.

Do not keep large amounts of money in your home.

If someone you do not know asks you to help them outside the house, only go if you have somebody else with you.

Never allow entry to a workman you are not expecting. If a workman tells you repairs are necessary say that you will get some quotes before coming to a decision. Always use a reputable company to carry out repairs or work to your property and never pay upfront.

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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, 8 Ashbourne Road, London, W5 3ED, payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association.

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