



The Hammersmith Society

Newsletter – April 2007

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Visits to Emery Walker's House, 7 Hammersmith Terrace. The last **Arts & Crafts Interior** on Saturdays, 28 April and 16 June. Both fully booked – Returns only. Details Melanie Whitlock (020 8743 1391)

Meeting with Residents' Associations. Hammersmith Society is hosting a meeting for all residents' associations on 10 May at the Grove Neighbourhood Centre. Details from Angela Clarke (020 8748 0284)

AGM – Wednesday, 13 June (details below)

THE HAMMERSMITH SOCIETY ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2007

Nomination Form is attached for the **2007 Environment Awards**. Nominations will need to be submitted by Friday 11 May. To remind members : there is the main Award, the Nancye Goulden Award for smaller-scale improvements in Hammersmith, the Jane Mercer Award for co-operation, collaboration and consultation, as well as, of course, the wooden spoons for things that should not be happening in our area.

The winners will be announced at the AGM.

2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 13 June

This year's AGM is to be held at the Jasmine Studios, 186/188 Shepherds Bush Road, winner of the Society's 2006 Nancy Goulden Award. The meeting will start at 7pm

Nominations are invited for election to the Committee. Nominations should be received by Melanie Whitlock, the Hon Secretary, by 6 June and sent to 38 Ashchurch Grove, W12. If you are interesting in joining the Committee and want to know more do contact either the Chairman, Angela Clarke (020 8748 0284 or aficlarke@hotmail.com), or Melanie Whitlock.

This occasion is members' opportunity to air their views on the issues facing us in Hammersmith and to meet and socialise. **Wine and light refreshments will be available**

LATEST NEWS

Uxbridge Road Tram

A group of local residents' associations plus the Hammersmith Society (Hammersmith Against the Tram - HATT) and Save Shepherds Bush Streets (SSBS) are working together to continue the campaign against the Mayor's continuing wish to build the Uxbridge Road tram. Much work will be involved ahead of a public enquiry. The three Borough Councils along the route are also working together to defeat the Mayor's plans.

Shepherds Bush Common

The Council is embarking on a project to improve Shepherds Bush Green. The Hammersmith Society will be participating in a Stakeholder Advisory Group of local residents' organisations, amenity groups and businesses to help guide the landscape architects during the redesign of the green. The aim is for the group to meet with the landscape design consultant and council officers at key stages of the project's development so that our views can influence the final design.

Lyric Square Market

The Committee will continue to press for the re-introduction of daily market stalls (six were planned for in the design scheme for the new square). How much livelier the square looks on Farmers' Market days. We now learn that a decision was taken by the Council in 2005 to discontinue a weekday market – the Hammersmith Society was never consulted on this proposal and we shall be pressing the new Administration to overturn this decision.

Town Hall CarPark Site

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for the Environment has recently written to amenity and residents' groups to advise that a local stakeholders briefing meeting will be held shortly on development proposals for a civic accommodation strategy. A development brief has been prepared providing various mixed use options plus new Council offices for potential developers to bid on - the site includes not only the carpark site but the Friends Meeting House, cinema, the flats on the east side of Cromwell Avenue and the careers office at 181-187 King Street. Marryat Court in Cromwell Avenue will not be affected. The present Town Hall extension will be demolished and a new public square will be created in its place, opening up the views of the fine art deco facade of the original Town Hall building.

Hammersmith Embankment

Planning permission has now been granted to the owners of this major riverside site. The Historic Buildings Group in association with the Hammersmith Society successfully sought a number of planning conditions which we hope will help towards some of our concerns over the scheme

St Paul's Church Hammersmith

Planning permission has also been granted for the revised scheme submitted by St Paul's Church for an extension on the west side of the Church. While the Committee were not wholly satisfied that it was of a suitably high-standard of design for such an important site, it is certainly an improvement on the previous scheme and have pressed for landscaping and other planning conditions.

Membership

Subscriptions for 2007 are due. Thank you to those who pay by standing order as it makes our Hon Treasurer's job so much easier! If you pay annually by cheque and have not yet done so please could you send yours made payable to the Hammersmith Society to Julian Hillman, 19 Flanchford Road, London, W12 9ND. Subscription rates are:

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