



The Hammersmith Society

Newsletter – April 2008

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Treasure Hunt – In and Around Old Hammersmith Saturday 17 May, between 10am and 3pm starting at the Plough & Harrow, 120-124 King Street. Organised by the H&F Historic Buildings Group. Details Angela Dixon 020 8748 7426, dixon.angela@talk21.com

AGM and Award presentations– Wednesday, 21 May (details below)

THE HAMMERSMITH SOCIETY ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2008

Nomination Form is attached for the 2008 Environment Awards. Nominations will need to be submitted by Friday 9 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.

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 21 May

This year's AGM is to be held at the London Corinthian Sailing Club., Upper Mall, W6 This always used to be the venue of our AGM and, as it is not possible this year to follow our usual custom of holding the AGM at the premises of the previous year's Award winner, we are returning to this lovely riverside venue. 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 14 May 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.

The AGM is also 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

Meeting with Residents' Associations

A number of representatives of local residents' associations held a further meeting in February to discuss issues of mutual interest. One of the subjects raised was whether 24/7 policing had resulted in increased levels of crime elsewhere. Those attending felt that fortunately this had not happened. Two Councillors also attended plus a Council Officer specifically for this item but stayed on while we discussed potential use of parks, particularly Ravenscourt Park, by the proposed new Goldhawk Road Academy school while our local primary schools are unable to afford to use them. Concern was also raised over light spillage, especially from the high level lights on the Premier Inn hotel. The Councillors undertook to report back to their relevant colleagues on these two subjects. There was also a request that Hammersmith Society host a meeting to learn about proposed changes in planning legislation, which will be held once the government has confirmed the likely changes to Permitted Development Rights, which is not expected until late October 2008.

Allied Carpets Site

The developers, Network Housing, have recently held a public exhibition to show residents a revised scheme for this site following considerable objections to their original designs for this site. Their proposal is for retail on part of the ground floor and five upper floors of housing (a mixture of social and private flats). The new drawings showed a distinct improvement over their first designs but not likely to be award winning!

Westfield Shopping Centre

A small representative group of your committee were invited by Westfields to a site visit to the new shopping centre at Shepherds Bush, which despite the fact that there seems to be a tremendous amount of building work still to be done, they are hopeful it will open this coming October. Parking is only being provided for an anticipated third of users in the hopes that the rest will come by public transport. Your committee has expressed its concerns over the likely effect on traffic movements in the area and on the lack of green landscaping.

Town Hall CarPark Site

The Council has now completed a contract with Grainger/Helical Bar appointing them as the development partner for this project. A meeting for local stakeholders to meet the developers is to be held at the Town Hall on Thursday 24 April. Members of the committee will of course be attending this meeting to see if any of our comments on their scheme have been listened to. Meanwhile Tesco's property arm, St James's Investments, has submitted 2 planning applications to turn the cinema site, which they own, into two floors of shopping, one with no parking, the other with 75 residential units above and basement parking. Your committee has objected to these proposals on the grounds of too much shopping and adverse effect on road infrastructure to support such shopping.

News by email

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Membership

Subscriptions for 2008 are due. 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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