WERA newsletter

Warner Estate Residents Association June 2018

WERA MEMBERSHIP

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WERA

Since 1996, **WERA** has represented the residents of nine roads at the bottom of Muswell Hill: Redston Road, Danvers Road, Warner Road, Park Avenue North, Priory Avenue, Linzee Road, Clovelly Road, Baden Road and Priory Road (north side).

WERA acts on behalf of residents and monitors local issues which affect the area, including those concerning Alexandra Palace and Park, road safety, and planning development proposals.

WERA is affiliated to the Haringey Federation of Residents Associations and to Sustainable Haringey.

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New look AGM – meet your neighbours over a glass of wine!

We have decided to change the format of this year's Annual General Meeting so that it is a more social event, an opportunity for people to mix and chat. It will be on **Thursday 5th July** starting at 8pm in the Moravian Church Hall. We'll do away with the serried ranks of chairs and have a more informal arrangement. There will be a short business meeting with election of officers and time for members to raise any concerns. But the rest of the evening will be a social with wine and soft drinks and light refreshments.

WERA has worked quite hard on local issues (some of these are described in this newsletter) so we thought it was time to relax a bit.

There will be displays from the Priory Common Orchard project, Hornsey Historical Society, Muswell Hill Sustainability Group and Friends of Parks Groups so members can see what these groups are doing and talk to their representatives.

Sadly Jack Noutch, one of the founders of WERA and a long-term committee member, will be standing down at the AGM (see appreciation on back page). So this will be an opportunity for members to thank him in person for all his work.

Please make a note of the date in your diaries (you will get a reminder nearer the date).



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Photo thanks to Hornsey Historical Society

Priory Common Orchard and its history

Priory Common Orchard at the bottom of Redston Road continues to do well, with volunteers working there most Wednesdays and other events taking place. It has its own website: bit.ly/PCOrchard. Many people from other parts of Haringey and further afield come to admire this project. Thanks to Gemma and the other volunteers for their work.

This year there is a new poem on display by WERA committee member Jeff Probst http://wera-n8.co.uk/our-common (go along and see it). The poem refers to the fact that this is the site of the old Hornsey Pound for stray animals, the origins of which go back to the early seventeenth century. The photo shows the Pound and adjacent small cottages (one called Pound Cottage) in 1880. The Pound is still shown on the 1913 OS map next to the four new Victorian houses (now nos. 110–116 Priory Road).







Crime and safety

WERA is a Neighbourhood Watch group and attends meetings of Haringey Neighbourhood Watch. In recent months there have been disturbing incidents in Haringey and other London boroughs of crimes involving knives and even guns. Two local shops have been held up by people with knives – fortunately with no physical harm.

Alexandra Palace and Park

Generally things are going well. There was a hiccup in November when lots of WERA residents received parking tickets on the first Fireworks Festival night (due to a mistake in the wording of the parking permit) but this was resolved very quickly. In September there will be a one-off pre-opening event at the restored Victorian theatre for the Proms. The theatre's official opening will be on 1st December.

These are (some of) the people in your neighbourhood.

As they used to say in *Sesame Street*, it is 'the people in your neighbourhood' who play a crucial role in building a local community. We have picked out some of these people – there are many more.

Our thanks to everyone we've featured for their work and their contribution to the community.



Andre's Hair Salon

One of the shops with a claim to have been here the longest is Andre's Hair Salon. Andre Zingal, originally from Izmir in Turkey, came to England in 1966 and first worked at a hairdressers near Portobello Road. His wife Helen was brought up in Chelsea. They came to Park Road in 1971, originally in what is now Prickett & Ellis; a few years later they moved across the road to their present shop. They then went to Turkey for ten years, and when they came back in 1994 they found their old shop vacant so moved back. Their son Ediz now works with them.



Londis

Manhar Maisurin, known to everyone as Mike, took over the Londis shop in Park Road twenty years ago. Before that he had a dry-cleaning business in Enfield, where he lives. He mistakenly thought Londis would be an easier job – far from it, not least because he gets to work at 6.30am every morning to organise the newspaper deliveries. Mike comes originally from India, and his wife's family from East Africa. His wife went to Hornsey School for Girls, which is where they subsequently had their wedding ceremony and reception. Sadly, in May there was an overnight break-in at the shop, but Mike and his staff had it quickly cleared up so they were soon back in operation.



Priory Stores

Mehmet Altun has run Priory Stores for about twenty years. His family were Kurds from eastern Turkey who came to the UK when he was three years old. Originally they lived in Stoke Newington so he went to Grasmere Primary School and then Kingsland Secondary. Mehmet and his family now live in Tottenham (one daughter is at university) and of course he is a Spurs supporter, although his brother Metim, who also works in the shop, supports Arsenal. When Mehmet is around, the shop is lively with customers chatting and swapping news about lots of things (not just football).



Doggone Fabulous

Probably the newest shop in our patch is Doggone Fabulous at 8 Priory Road. Whether or not you have a dog that needs grooming, their shopfront is an asset to the area. Jane, who has been grooming for nearly twenty years, and Lizzie, the senior stylist, have been working in the Muswell Hill and Crouch End area for five years, previously renting a studio in The Viaduct within The Wag Club, a doggie day-care centre; but they wanted to have their own bright and purpose-built studio to have room to meet growing demand. They offer a free consultation.

Priory Road Bakers

Hassan Sabir has been running Priory Road Bakers (formerly called Queen of Tarts) for a year. Originally from Casablanca, he has worked as a baker all his life. He came to London thirty-two years ago and now lives in Chingford with his wife and four children. Ever since he was a child in Morocco he has supported Liverpool F.C. As well as bread and pastries, the shop serves lunch food, and Hassan plans to have more Moroccan-style items. He is still looking for a good name for his shop.





Audio Gold

Audio Gold is run by Ben Shallcross (in photo with his dog Huxley), who says he's a 'Muswell Hill boy'. Audio Gold has been going for 25 years – first in Crouch End and since 2001 in Park Road. The shop specialises in high-quality new and second-hand hi-fi equipment. Contrary to what one might think, their main business is not online but with customers who come to the shop to get expert advice and have the opportunity to test out different equipment. It also provides an excellent way of recycling lots of stuff. Audio Gold has just been voted *Time Out's* 'most loved shop in Crouch End and Hornsey'.



Basement Bookshop

Hornsey Parish Church

For about forty years there has been a second-hand bookshop in the basement of Hornsey Parish Church Hall. It is run by volunteers such as Pearl Larney and Wendy Whale (shown in photo). Pearl went to William Tyndale Primary then Tollington Park Secondary; Wendy to Campsbourne Primary then Hornsey School for Girls. Wendy has lived almost all her life in Danvers Road although she spent some time abroad with the Women's Royal Army Corps. The bookshop is open on alternate Saturdays (and some other days) and has a wonderful selection of books. It is also a good place to go for a chat.





Hornsey Library

Musood Khokhar is one of the Team Leaders at Hornsey Library in Crouch End. His family originally came from Pakistan and East Africa. They live in Walthamstow. He used to work at the council headquarters in Wood Green and came to the library eighteen months ago. 'Musood' in Arabic means 'lucky' or 'happy', and Musood lives up to his name. Hornsey Library is a Grade II listed building and offers a variety of services and events. Permanent artwork includes the engraved Hornsey Window by Fred Mitchell and a bronze sculpture by T.B. Huxley-Jones.



Top Spot Dry Cleaners

Another shop with a claim to being here the longest is Top Spot Dry Cleaners, now run by Billie and Souf Mustafa. Billie's grandparents came from Cyprus and established the business in 1971. Her father then ran the shop.

Billie, who went to Hornsey School for Girls, took over the business with her husband Souf in 1991. Her grandmother lived in the flat above the shop for forty years.

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Waste and recycling

Since last October residents have had to pay to have their garden waste taken away. Some residents have ordered the new brown wheelie bins, others use compostable bags. Garden waste can still be taken to the Recycling Centre in Western Road without charge.

Over the years visits to the Eco Park in Edmonton have been organised for Haringey residents (including WERA members). This is where our residual waste (which is incinerated and converted into electricity) and our food and garden waste (made into compost) goes. Our 'co-mingled recycling' (in the green wheelie bins) goes to a Materials Recycling Facility (Murf) where it is sorted, packaged and sold on (in the past mainly to China but this option is no longer available). Some residents have visited this Murf. There they discovered that inaccurate information is given in some Haringey Veolia leaflets about what can and can't be recycled; for instance, Tetra Paks cannot be recycled at the Murf. Sustainable Haringey and other environmental groups are working with the authorities to make sure that the information provided to residents is correct.

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To report problems, such as dumped rubbish and graffiti, email frontline@haringey.gov.uk

Metropolitan Police
If a crime is currently taking place and you are in immediate danger, dial 999. If you wish to contact the Metropolitan Police Service and it is not an emergency, call the non-emergency number, 101.

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New zebra crossing

Following a WERA campaign arguing for traffic-calming measures on the western end of Priory Road, the council last year agreed to install a new zebra crossing near Redston Road subject to getting the funding.

At the end of 2017 we were delighted to see the start of work on the crossing and raised entry treatments on some roads. Then the work suddenly stopped, leading the fears that the money had run out. Fortunately the delay was due to problems identifying the ownership of cables under the bus stop, which were resolved.

The new zebra crossing opened in early March and what a difference it makes. We are now asking for the Countdown signage to be installed in the new bus stop.



CPZ consultation

Over the years there have been complaints on the WERA Yahoo group about the increasing difficulties of parking in our streets. Whilst some residents would like to have a CPZ, it is strongly opposed by other residents. In November the council carried out a consultation about a new 'Hornsey North CPZ' covering the Warner estate area (north and south of Priory Road), as well as the Nightingale Lane and Campsbourne estates. Questionnaires were distributed to all households asking 'Are Parking Controls Required?' The results of the consultation have not yet been announced.

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Jack Noutch stepping down

Jack and Hélène moved into Park Avenue North in 1955, so later this year they will celebrate 63 years in the area. Jack is a real north Londoner. His parents lived in Islington and then moved to Burgoyne Road. He went to South Harringay Infants School and then to Stationers' Company's School (although his schooling was interrupted by the war). Jack followed his father into the printing trade.

Hélène, by contrast, has a more cosmopolitan background. Her parents were French (hence Hélène) and she was born in France, but as a child with her parents she sometimes lived in England, sometimes in France. She met Jack at a dancing class held in Weston Park – it was the first time both of them had gone to the class. Not long after their marriage they settled in Park Avenue North, where they had their two daughters, Martine and Colette.

Over the years, Jack was involved in various local groups seeking to protect local amenities including Crouch End Open Space (CREOS) and Alexandra Park (STOPP). Then in 1996, with David Liebeck, he set up WERA. The rest is history. WERA will miss him but we will all see Jack and Hélène around.



WERA as a community

WERA activities help to bring local residents closer together. So too does the WERA Yahoo email group, which has over 300 members and is a lively forum for exchanging information about recommended tradespeople, unwanted goods and local events and concerns. To join the Yahoo email group, email Dick Hudson at r.hudson@ucl.ac.uk .The archive of past messages can be accessed on http://tinyurl.com/q4badyd. Our thanks to Dick for all the work he does in managing the Yahoo group and our website.

Street cleaning

Larry King and Michael Brennan, the regular Veolia team on the main roads, and the other Veolia staff on the side roads keep our area smart and tidy but there is one bad patch. This is along the service road connecting Danvers Road and Redston Road. Especially in the evenings, cars park alongside the high Priory Common wall and throw out their fast food wrappers and bottles into the gutter, where it is difficult to clear. The Moravian Church is unhappy about this, as are local residents and businesses. Veolia has arranged some clear-ups but the rubbish reappears.

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