NEWSLETTER

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PALACE FOR DEVELOPERS?



Jack Noutch

Despite serious reservations from nearly everyone connected with the Palace, including members of its own board of trustees, the drive to get the development scheme approved by Parliament is proceeding apace. In fact the Council/trustees hope to push things through later this year. The present intention is for the Trustees to grant the "preferred" developer a 125 year lease in return for an undisclosed sum possibly £5m. for the developer to 'repair' the building, or those parts it will need. This will turn the Palace into a collection of cinemas, cafes and restaurants, and entertainment venues. They will need to build underground parking and it appears that the palace will close for a couple of years. We are not convinced that this is the best use of an historic building, nor that anyone has really thought about the effect this will have on local traffic. Our reps. on the Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees will keep a beady eye on these plans.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The WARNER ESTATE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION plans to introduce a new membership card which will be completed by your street representative when you join, and replaced with a new card when you renew. Membership is £2.00 per household.

A CROSSING TOO FAR?

Many local residents feel a Pelican Crossing (by the main entrance to Priory Park) has become necessary due to the heavy volume of traffic which has built up over the years. We propose to apply for this provision soon.

YOUR CURRENT STREET REPRESENTATIVES

(ALL 0208 NUMBERS)

BADEN ROAD
Stephanie Davies
340 0746

CLOVELLY ROAD
Rosie and John Schild
340 6512

DANVERS ROAD
David Liebeck
348 0457

LINZEE ROAD
Nelson Mews
340 5850

PARK AVENUE NORTH
Jack Noutch
340 6377

PRIORY AVENUE
Colin Brewster
348 4195

PRIORY ROAD
Carole Antoniou
340 5367

REDSTON ROAD
Ursula and Guido Maestranzi
340 2668

WARNER ROAD
Lawrence Adams
340 4282

GIVING EVERYONE NOTICE

We are proposing to ask the Council if we can have installed some Notice Boards along Priory Road for Residents' use, instead of the trees being used as pinboards. The Notice Boards could be used for all sorts of notices, for example, news of a lost dog or cat, something to sell, services offered, or the advertising of local events. Carole Antoniou, your Priory Road Rep. will be happy to monitor the boards on a weekly basis to keep an eye on things and take down notices when out of date.

NATURE CONSERVATION IN ALEXANDRA PARK

It's a frustrating time. The "promise" of lottery funding means that something might happen and because of this, nothing much can. Small scale, low cost schemes to improve the park (converting the derelict dry ski slope into a wild flower hay meadow, more extensive planting and woodland management ,etc) are in abeyance, hostages to the distant prospect of more grandiose plans.

Neil Pearson, the park's full time Conservation Warden for the past few years, left last year.

The new warden, Tom Clarke, grew up and lives locally. Tom is responsible for the excellent nature conservation section of the AP&P website (www.alexandrapalace.com). Printed copies of this well researched and informative work are available from Richard Green (020 8340 0725)

Tom is assisted in his work around the park by the tiny band of volunteers who live locally, supplemented with very infrequent visits by The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV). In January 1999 BTCV helped clear an area on the south western boundary of the park, adjacent to Redston Road. This January BTCV assisted with some long overdue work in the conservation area.

The locally based volunteers meet on the first Sunday of every month at 10.00 at the information hut by the Bedford Road entrance to the park (near Alexandra Palace rail station). More locally based volunteers are urgently needed. The usual work (pruning, planting, dead hedging, sycamore control etc.) is varied and is not necessarily physically demanding. The next regular session will be on Sunday ~~March 5~~ APRIL 2. Please contact Richard Green (number as above, or try e-mail: richard.green@geseaco.com) or Tom Clarke (020 8341 6696) for more information.

GUIDED TOURS OF ALEXANDRA PALACE

For anyone interested in a slice of local history, there are public guided tours of the Palace held one Sunday each month.

TOUR THIS WAY PLEASE

The tours are very comprehensive and take in areas where generally the public are not allowed. The tours last about 1 1/2 hours and finish up at the Palm Court, west end, for optional light refreshments, if required. The cost is £2.50 per person, £2.00 for concessions, no children under 12 are allowed.

Please call Norma Sutherland at the Palace on 0208 365 2121 for exact details and timings of the tours, which she organises.

IF YOU WANT UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON ALEXANDRA PALACE PLANS AND PROPOSALS COME TO

STEPP AGM

Moravian Hall Priory Road N8
7.30pm
Thursday 23 March 2000

A LITTER NATION?

We are requesting more Litter Bins from Haringey Council, especially along the north side of Priory Road.

WHEELIE BIN NEWS

We now have the result of our 'Wheelie Bin' survey. We canvassed 196 houses in our area and out of these 28% voted for the wheelie bins, 55% were against and 17% were indifferent.

THUMBS UP OR DOWN

If you found this copy of our Newsletter interesting, controversial or whatever, could you please let your street representative know.