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Alexandra Palace News

Although in some respects this has been a year for change, in other respects there has been little change at the "Palace on the hill".

First of all, this was the year in which the trustees succeeded in getting Parliament to agree to give them the right to grant a long lease to a developer, yet when it came to re-opening negotiations with the so-called preferred developers, they preferred not to go ahead with the proposed development. Back to square 1, or minus 1.

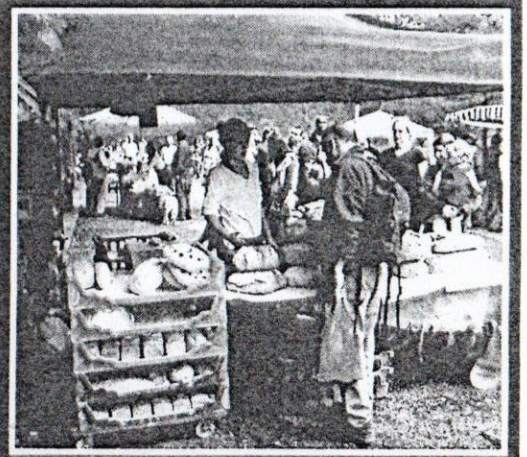
Then the go-ahead was given for the lottery grant for the park, yet the work is only just getting off the stocks, with the dredging of the lake. As yet, not a lot to show for it.

The theatre is the one **big** plus, as after decades, if not longer, of non-use, the theatre will see real live action—and actors—at last, in the Theatre de Complicite's production in the round of a Dickens play, scheduled for this autumn.

We still struggle on with our representatives' support and attendance at (badly attended) meetings of the Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees, so that you can be sure that you are kept in touch with all the goings-on at Ally Pally.







We now have a very successful farmers market most Sunday mornings, on the road at the bottom of Muswell Hill, just beyond the gates into Alexandra Palace. Sadly it is only there for a trial period, but the number of stalls seems to increase with each passing week, and there are signs that the market is bringing increased business to surrounding shops. If you haven't been yet, give it a whirl.

SAVE OUR BACKSITE! UPDATE

The developers who had planned on building expensive houses on land behind Priory Avenue, Priory Road, Linzee Road and Clovelly Avenue, have appealed against their planning application being turned down at a public council meeting late last year. Residents most affected by their application turned up in huge numbers for the meeting. Now there is to be a public meeting at 10am on Tuesday 7 September

2004, at the Civic Centre in Wood Green, to hear the result of the appeal. We look forward to seeing you there

SPEEDS on Priory Road

WERA has long been concerned about vehicle speed on Priory Road. Last November, a WERA deputation appeared before Haringey Council with petitions containing 841 local signatures supporting a pedestrian crossing across Priory Road at Danvers Road.

Earlier this year, two teenage girls were hit by cars in Priory Road at Park Avenue North, and two years ago a teenage boy was badly injured by a speeding vehicle at the Priory Park crossing (see report right). The council has not yet agreed to install the pedestrian crossing we have asked for, but they have promised to at least take the temporary measure of putting 30 mph and Slow Down markings on Priory Road. They have assured us this will be completed by the middle of June.

Our campaign for a crossing continues. We need to keep up the pressure, and your letters to the council will help. Please write to: Councillor Ray Dodds, Executive Member for Environment, Haringey Council, Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green N22 8LE.



Busy traffic at the crossing on Priory Road looking west. One of the two cars involved in the accident that injured Joseph Stevens, lost control here, destroying the recently installed barrier (behind the white van).

On the evening of 24 July 2002, 15-year-old Joseph Stevens of Linzee Road, son of Linzee Road rep Lynn Stevens, was walking with a friend towards the crossing of Priory Road at Priory Park.

A speeding car crashed into the pedestrian barrier. Both boys were hurt; Joseph spent seven weeks in hospital after sustaining a serious head injury.

The car that ploughed into the boys allegedly began racing with another car as the cars left the traffic lights at the bottom of Muswell Hill.

During the drivers' recent trial at Wood Green Crown Court, the traffic investigator estimated that the car that caused the boys' injuries was travelling at 71 mph when the driver lost control.

The drivers of both cars were found guilty of dangerous driving. They have been given custodial sentences and banned from driving for a year. But the physical and mental effects of the boys' injuries, and the impact on their families, will last for far longer.

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A GENERAL MEETING
URSDAY 24 JUNE 2004
m-10pm

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Paul McKay, Haringey resident and volunteer for **Living Streets**, formerly the Pedestrian Association, will be talking about its work. **Living Streets** helps communities take local and national action to improve our public spaces, helping create neighbourhoods that are free from traffic, safe for our children and pleasant for all to walk and live in.