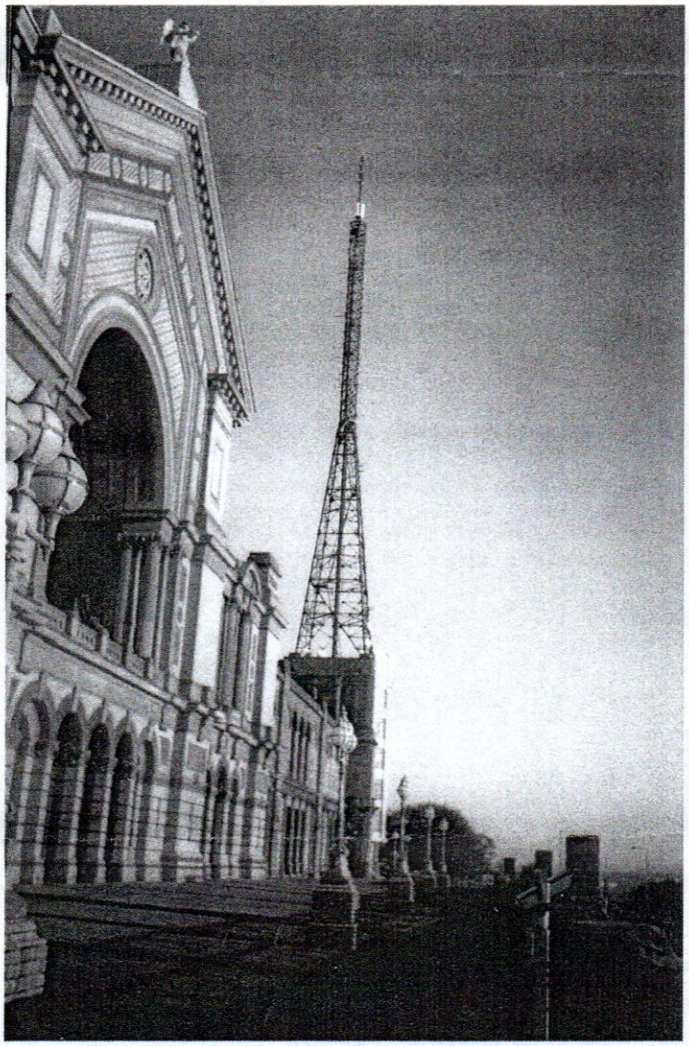
RESIDE WERA Newsletter

Warner Estate Residents Association May 2005

Noises, nuisance, car fumes... A year in Alexandra Park

Almost everyone thinks that the **farmers market** is a good idea - almost everyone, that is, unless you live on Redston Road and the noise of the generators intrudes and interrupts your Sunday afternoon snooze in the shade of your back garden. We have asked the people who run the market to take steps to minimize the noise and would like to know if there has been any improvement in the last few months. Please let us know (WERA contact details below).



When Alexandra Palace is having its annual "biker" snow the parking areas are filled to overflowing, and the cars are directed to park on the lower "road" or pathway - not very convenient if you are engaged in your regular dog walk or jog on that particular weekend. It is just once a year or so, but this year there were reports of **dangerous and unsupervised driving** on the grass verges. If you saw this please let us know, as we have already reported one person's experience to the general manager.

The **annual fireworks night** was a resounding success, attracting more than 50,000 people from all over north London. Yet there were reports of threatening, and worse, behaviour from some youngsters, and certainly a few people were mugged. In Priory Road, fireworks of the big explosive variety were thrown at cars. The Palace is looking at ways of increasing safety and stopping these few mindless individuals from spoiling the enjoyment of the many, so if you had a bad experience on fireworks night, please get in touch with us and tell us about it so we can report the incident to the general manager.

WERA contact: Secretary Joyce Rosser, on 8347 7684 or jrosser@lineone.net

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, including those concerning Alexandra Palace and Park, road safety and planning developments which affect the area and our properties.

WERA membership – 151 households

Big changes in recycling services

Residents will have noticed that there have been changes to the local recycling collection in recent months. There has been a considerable amount of concern and argument about what can be left for recycling, how it is collected and what happens to it afterwards.

What is recycled?

Our roads are included in the first 20,000 households in Haringey getting a more comprehensive doorstep collection system. This will subsequently be extended to other parts of the borough.

All paper, tins, glass bottles, plastic and cardboard can now be put in the green recycling box. Green waste (from gardens) should be put in untied green plastic bags.

Many residents have been unsure about exactly what can and cannot be left for recycling. We have checked on some of the most common queries and this is the current situation:

Yes: newspapers, magazines, envelopes, junk mail, telephone directories, cardboard, catalogues, plastic bottles (if all plastic), polythene bags, supermarket bags, plastic cans and foil, glass bottles and jars, tins (washed out), textiles (including clothes and shoes).
No: Tetrapacks (used for fruit juices), polystyrene, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, food trays, cellophane packaging.
However, if you mistakenly put some of these items in the box, they will be sorted out.

Recycling and rubbish are now collected on the same day.

If you don't need your large wheelie bin anymore (because of the amount being recycled), phone Haringey Accord (020 8885 7700) and they will swap it for a smaller one.

How is the recycling collected?

Lots of people have been outraged to see their recycling materials which they have carefully sorted being thrown all together into the back of one of the new trucks. Councillor Ray Dodds, who is responsible for environmental issues, has been inundated with emails and phone calls about this. But don't panic – it is still recycled. The new system is called "commingled" collection. It all goes to a Materials Recycling Facility where it is sorted using a variety of high-tech methods (magnets, air jets, etc).

So it isn't necessary to separate the different types of items in your green recycling box. The Council leaflet announcing the new service was not clear on this point. Only green garden waste needs to be kept apart (this goes into a separate section of the truck).

For recycling queries contact Zoe McKenzie, Haringey Recycling and Community Projects Officer, 020 8489 3265 or zoe.mckenzie@haringey.gov.uk

What happens to recycling?

There has been some concern about this after reports that it was going to China. In fact most appears to go to different commercial companies in the UK, although the plastic bottles go to Germany and some paper to Belgium.

The UK waste industry is run by commercial companies which have to have a market for resale. If a market doesn't exist, then it's unlikely that the sector will have an interest in that material. This means that at the moment there is a shortage of suitable facilities in the UK for virtually all types of materials.



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- **Graffiti and flyposting 0845 073 1979**
- **Information about rubbish and recycling (Haringey Accord) 020 8885 7700**
- **Antisocial behaviour 0845 671 1177**
- **Community police (Muswell Hill) 020 8808 1212**
- **Neighbourhood Assembly (Bob Goldsmith) 020 8489 4531**

See also: Haringey website, www.haringey.gov.uk

WERA ACTIVITIES 2004/5

WERA Annual General Meeting

In June 2004 we held our Annual General Meeting – unfortunately on a night that England was playing in the European Cup. Nevertheless members heard an interesting talk by Paul McKay about the activities of the Haringey branch of Living Streets, an environmental group which aims to make streets more people–friendly. Locally Living Streets has campaigned for improvements in the Harringay [illegible]r area and will soon be undertaking an "audit" of Muswell Hill Broadway.



Farewell to Mr Goose

In October 2004 WERA organised a reception for Steve Goose, our local postman for 18 years. Over 50 residents attended. In recognition of his years of friendly and efficient service he was presented with a cheque for £410 and a card signed by many residents. Everyone agreed that the area is not the same without Steve.

Speeding traffic on Priory road



WERA continues to be concerned about speeding traffic on Priory Road, where there have been several serious accidents in recent years. We have been campaigning for a pedestrian crossing at Danvers Road. The campaign is supported by local Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors and by Labour MP Barbara Roche. We have involved the local press, and last November made a presentation to the full Council where our 850-signature petition calling for the crossing was submitted. Through WERA's efforts, 30mph speed limit signs have been painted along the length of Priory Road but WERA is continuing to press for the crossing and for more obvious signage, and for other measures to slow down traffic. We are also in discussion with local councillors and the police and plan to conduct speed checks on Priory Road using a speed gun. The police themselves, last December, did carry out vehicle speed checks on Priory Road, stopping and booking offenders.

Trees and WERA residents

In November 2004 WERA held a public meeting about trees at the Stonecroft Nursery in Priory Road. Over 60 residents heard Clare Carter and Alex Fraser, the Council tree officers, talk about the number of houses affected by subsidence, describe the Council's policy regarding pollarding and replanting of trees and answer residents' questions. A small group of WERA members met with Alex Fraser in early April to follow up these issues. We toured the local streets to identify where more trees are needed and the most appropriate type of tree.

Fireworks Night parking permits

Each November WERA road stewards distribute fireworks night road entry permits to all local houses. These are sometimes called "parking permits" but of course there is no way that these permits can guarantee a parking space on fireworks night. They merely enable local residents to pass the police barriers at the ends of the streets. Long-term residents know that the only way to ensure a place to park is not to move your car that day!

Unauthorised building anger

At the June AGM a resident raised the matter of an unauthorised house extension in Beechwood Road. It is understood that the Council ordered the removal of this extension but nothing happened. WERA is contacting the Council Planning Department to find out what the current situation is.

Use it or lose it!

Coral Pharmacy, our local pharmacy run by Vinay Mehta, will soon come under new government regulations which require every pharmacy in the country to issue at least 2,000 prescriptions a month to continue to qualify for a government allowance. This number is expected to increase again in the near future.

If we continue to patronise our pharmacy, Vinay says they will be fine, but if they fall below the new government prescription numbers, they may have to close. Coral Pharmacy has widened its circle and now services eight local surgeries and has a driver who will pick up and deliver prescriptions to local residents.

Stonecroft Nursery

The Council held a public meeting in early March to discuss changes to Stonecroft Nursery on the corner of Danvers Road and Priory Road. Stonecroft's role will change and it will become one of the new Children's Centres opening in April 2006.

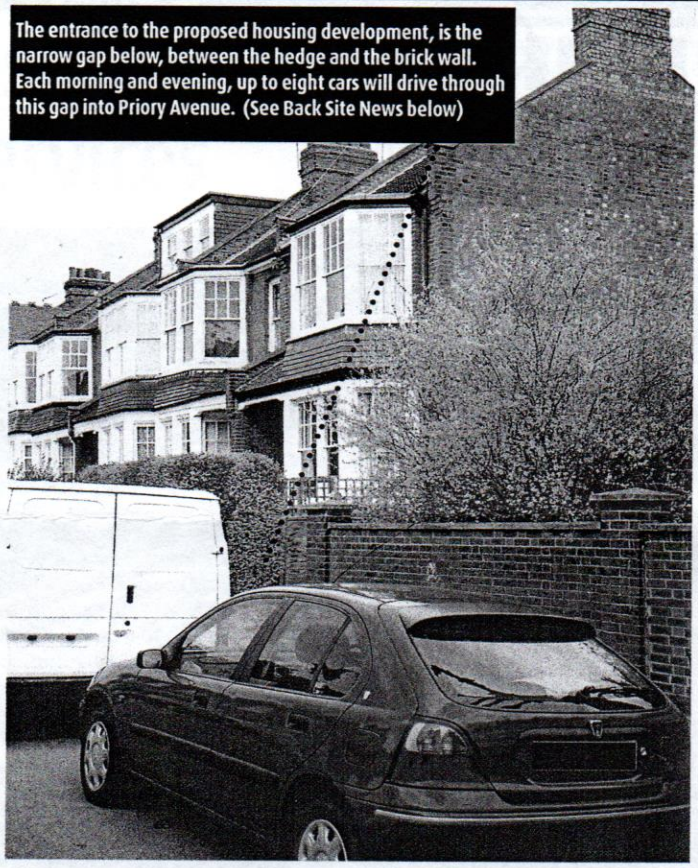
There will be a £676,000 programme of remodelling to the existing building to enable a wider range of services to be delivered. There will be a new extension and refurbishment of the existing building. The planning application was submitted at the beginning of March and 12 weeks have been allowed to receive planning permission. Residents in the immediate vicinity of Stonecroft should have received information about the planning application.

Any queries to Paula Hassall, Children's Centre Project Manager, 07906 208879 or paula.hassall@haringey.gov.uk

Haringey on line

It is now possible to report problems to the Council on line, who say they will endeavour to deal with the problem in 28 days (depending on the nature of the problem). Go to www.haringey.gov.uk. On the home page there is a section "e-services" - choose "Report a problem". Under this there are 14 options (dumped rubbish, graffiti, rubbish collection, street cleaning, traffic signs, trees, etc) plus "other".

The entrance to the proposed housing development, is the narrow gap below, between the hedge and the brick wall. Each morning and evening, up to eight cars will drive through this gap into Priory Avenue. (See Back Site News below)



Hornsey High Street

There are big plans in the pipeline for Hornsey High Street. The environmental improvements programme will include building improvements to renovate shopfronts, the redesign of Rectory Gardens open space and the restoration of St Mary's Church tower clock. Funding comes from St James Homes Ltd (the developers of New River Village) and English Heritage.

Green space

WERA is planning to consult with local residents and then make a bid for some funding from the Council (each Neighbourhood Assembly area has £50,000 which local groups can apply for) to make improvements to the strip of land running along the north side of Priory Road. At present there are trees, shrubs and some bulbs but they could all do with some extra care and attention. The original wall also needs substantial repairs.
Contact Joyce Rosser on 020 8347 7684 or jrosser@lineone.net if you would like to get involved.

Back Site News

The Government Planning Appeals Officer has overturned the decision of Haringey Council's planning department has decided to approve plans by Embassy Property Group Ltd to build four houses on backland surrounded by Priory Avenue, Priory Road, Linzee Road and Clovelly Road. The developers have five years to begin their construction, and we can only hope that if built, the residents in these new houses can benefit from the arrival of fire engines in the event of a fire.

Fortunately for residents there are still legal issues preventing this development from going ahead. Building is restricted by covenants which were attached to the land when it was sold to builders by the Warner family at the beginning of last century. The group "BACK SITE FIGHT", set up to object to this development, have engaged the services of Hunter's Solicitors, the foremost authority on building covenants in the UK, to represent them, and they are receiving the full backing of surviving members of the Warner family who still own property in the area.

One of the covenant restrictions is that any house built on the land must have a minimum frontage of 17 feet to one of the estate roads, something that the planned houses will contravene. All roads on the Warner Estate are covered by similar restrictions, and under a building scheme, anyone living on the Warner Estate can take legal action against anyone else who ignores these restrictions."

YOUR ROAD REPRESENTATIVES ARE LISTED BELOW. THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE IS £2 PER HOUSEHOLD. IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING JOINING WERA PLEASE HAND CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR ROAD REPRESENTATIVE.

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