

WERA newsletter

Warner Estate Residents Association June 2011



WERA MEMBERSHIP

In 2010/11 WERA paid-up membership was 310 households. This is the highest ever. The WERA subscription is £3 per household per year. We hope you will be happy to pay your 2011/12 subscription. Please give your subscription to your road representative (see insert).

What a load of rubbish! WERA

Between 1991/92 and 2007/08 household waste generated per person in England increased by 16 per cent. The seven London boroughs within the North London Waste Authority produce about a million tons of household waste every year. A third of this is currently recycled. Of the remaining "residual waste", 60 per cent goes to the incinerator at the Edmonton Eco Park and is converted into electricity but the incinerator is now working at full capacity so the rest has to go to landfill. At the moment the "landfill tax" is £48 per ton but it is going up by £8 each year to £80 per ton by 2014/15.

Haringey's aim is to reduce the total amount of waste and increase the amount recycled. It has a recycling target of 50 per cent by 2020. The borough has just signed a new contract

for waste and recycling collection with Veolia. The main difference for residents is that fortnightly waste collection will be phased in across the borough from early next year. Recycling will continue to be collected weekly.

Haringey residents with gardens will be provided with a second, different-colour wheelie bin for recycling. Residual waste will continue to go into the existing black wheelie bins. Kitchen waste and garden waste collection receptacles will not change.

Jon Hastings, from Haringey Council Environmental Resources, and a representative from Veolia will come to the WERA Annual General Meeting on Monday 4th July at 8pm in the Moravian church hall, to describe the new service and to hear residents' views.

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.

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“Four estates and a pub”

On two Sunday mornings, in October last year and April this year, WERA organised a local history walk which covered four estates and ended up with refreshments at the Three Compasses pub in Hornsey High Street.



The first two estates date from the Edwardian period. Our own Warner estate was planned by the Warner family's surveyor, John Farrer, who also designed many of the buildings. The adjacent Nightingale Lane estate was a pioneering development of high-quality council houses built by the Borough of Hornsey between 1897 and 1903. These Arts and Crafts cottage-style houses (see photo above) with front and back gardens are in a conservation area, along with the handsome 1897 Campsbourne School (see photo on right). Private houses, maisonettes, flats and shops were also built, many by John Farrer, at the same time as the council houses. The estate is now an area of mixed tenure with some houses privately owned, some privately rented and others belonging to Homes for Haringey.

We then went on to the Campsbourne estate, which has a very different history. The roads were laid out and the houses built in the 1870s by the British Freehold Land Company, but the houses quickly became multi-occupied and the area was regarded as the poorest area in Hornsey. After the Second World War major slum

clearance schemes took place and the estate was rebuilt. It now mainly consists of low-rise council housing (one exception is the seven-storey Le Corbusier-style Wat Tyler House built in the 1960s). There are also some recent developments by housing associations.

We walked around the Hornsey Depot site. This opened in 1889 as a Municipal Sanitary Department. It had an incinerator, the so-called Dust Destructor, for burning waste. It also housed the public mortuary (only recently transferred to Tottenham) and the coroner's court (now in Barnet). The whole site, partly owned by Sainsbury's, is due for redevelopment.

The fourth estate in our tour was the twenty-first century New River Village, a development of 622 apartments (with a quarter "affordable") by St. James Homes (Thames Water's property company). After a stroll along the historic Hornsey High Street, noting the listed Great Northern Railway Tavern, St. Mary's church tower, the National Hall and the former public baths, we ended up at the pub after what was generally agreed to be a fascinating historical and social journey.



Local activities 2010/11



Russian concert

In May a group of musicians from St. Petersburg performed at a concert jointly sponsored by WERA and the Hornsey Moravian church. This group of travelling players visits the UK every few years. The concert sponsors put them up and feed them as they can't afford hotels. Their performance included chants from the Russian Orthodox Church and folk songs. We provided wine in the interval. Over 60 people attended the concert, which was a nice social occasion.

Alexandra Palace and Park

Rebecca Kane, Alexandra Palace General Manager, spoke to over 50 WERA members at the Annual General Meeting in July 2010. She described the various problems faced by the palace (such as the £30 million needed for essential restoration work) and explained how ways forward were being explored. She had some good news – that the ice rink was being rebuilt – and some bad – that there would be no fireworks display. There was a lively discussion about the palace and the park.

Earlier this year Colliers International advised the Trust Board to rebrand the palace as a centre for “leisure and entertainment” with the emphasis on Ally Pally being marketed as the best venue for live music. The Phoenix Bar is no more and rising from the ashes is the very prosaically named Bar and Kitchen. The menu is modern British style food with the emphasis on fresh local produce. It is now run directly by the trading company. The board is currently seeking to employ an independent Chief Executive Officer to run both the palace and the park.

Traffic and parking issues

WERA regularly raises concerns about local traffic issues with the council traffic department. We asked for the faded road markings at the Park Road, Muswell Hill, Alexandra Palace Way and Priory Road junction and along Priory Road to be repainted. This was done but resulted in some problems with the bus lane markings (which have now been addressed) and the removal of the 30mph roundels and “slow” signs on Priory Road (the council has agreed that these will be reinstated).

Of increasing concern to local residents is the difficulty parking in our roads. The introduction of the new Crouch End Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), which now extends to New Road, Bryanstone Road, Glasslyn Road and parts of Palace Road, has led to displacement of vehicles and severe parking problems in Barrington Road and Carysfort Road. In a recent discussion on the WERA Yahoo group some WERA residents argued that a “light touch” CPZ (two hours in the middle of the day) might eventually be necessary in our area, but other residents are opposed to any CPZ. WERA might hold a special meeting on this topic in the autumn.

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Priory Common

For the sixth year running we planted daffodils on the common in November. We carried out work on the shrubs and some small flower beds. A discarded Christmas tree has been planted near the notice board but it is not yet clear whether it will survive recent dry months.

Our most ambitious scheme is to create a low maintenance and drought-resistant orchard at the western end of the common. We thought of calling it the Pound Orchard (after the cattle pound which once was on the site) but people thought this referred to the Pound shops so instead it will just be Priory Common Orchard. Two apple trees were planted by the parks department and since then we have had donations of some fruit and nut trees. North Harringay School gave us three small trees – a crab apple, a cherry and a hazelnut – that they had grown from seeds. We are lucky to have help on this ongoing project from Edible Landscapes London (www.ediblelandscapeslondon.org.uk). The council parks department is supporting us and providing compost from the Eco Park.

Crime and policing

Jack Noutch, a WERA committee member, attends Muswell Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team panel meetings, and Richard Green, a Park Avenue North resident, attends Haringey Neighbourhood Watch meetings. These meetings help us to keep abreast of local developments. The WERA Yahoo email group has played a useful role in publicising local crimes and any suspicious behaviour.

WERA as a community

WERA meetings, the two book groups, the knitting group and work on Priory Common help to bring local residents closer together. So too does the WERA Yahoo email group, which now has 175 members and is a lively forum for exchanging information about recommended tradespeople, unwanted goods and local events. To join the Yahoo email group, email Dick Hudson on dick@ling.ucl.ac.uk. The archive of past messages is at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wera-n8/> In addition to WERA events, local residents have held street parties, charity cake sales and other community events.

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